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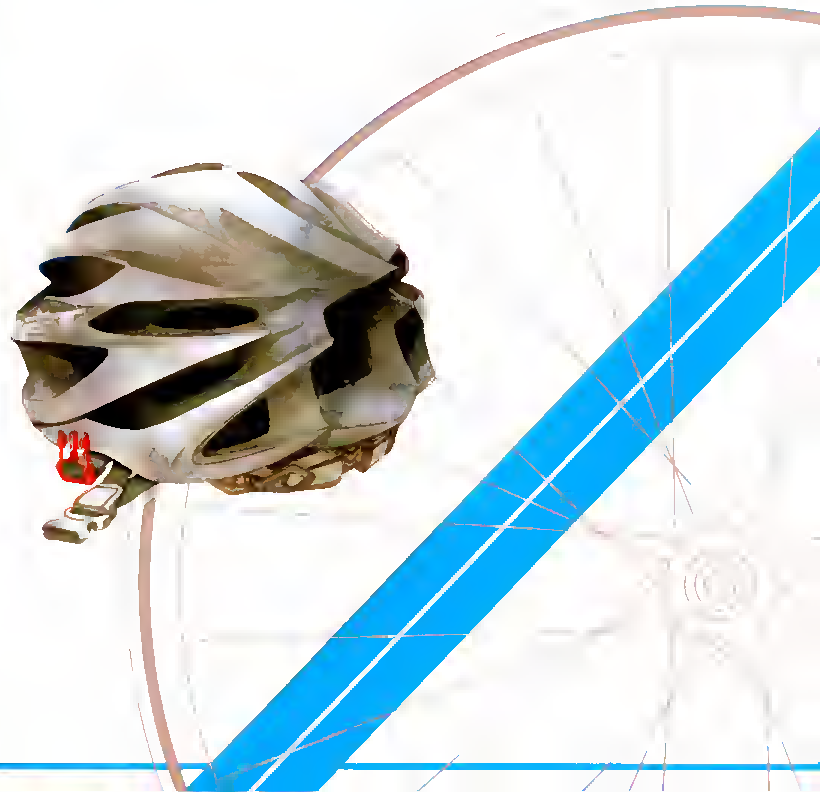

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MARIKO KAZUNORI (28, SINGLE), WHO HATES CHILDISH, NARCISSISTIC, IGNORANT CYCLISTS, IS FORCED INTO A RACE THROUGH STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCES. AFTER LEARNING THE BASICS FROM ODA RIN (HIGH SCHOOL ROAD RACER) AND HER MOTHER, HE SEEMS TO HAVE SHAPED UP A BIT, BUT...

ガキっぽくてナルシストで妄信的な自転車乗りたちを
とにかく嫌っている丸子一典(かずの)(28歳・彼女なし)は、ひょんなことから
自転車でレースをする羽目に。織田(おだ)輪(りん)(女子高生ロードレーサー)とその母に
手ほどきを受ける内に、なんとか形にはなってきたが……。

「のりりん」も好評連載中! イブニング 毎月第2・第4火曜日発売!!

You don't need to prepare this many of them
こんなに用意する必要はありません。
One is enough
ひとつあれは充分です。

Kitoh Mohiro
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I'm so jealous---

うらやましか

あいつに勝つ方法を教えてください

Please teach me how to beat him

Rin normally uses a Kestrel 500 Sci.

called carbon monocoque

Back in the 1990s, the first thing that came to one's mind when talking about carbon fiber framesets was Kestrel.

This way too famous frame is Kestrel's iconic product.

It's quite a charming frame.

It's also quite often used in triathlons.

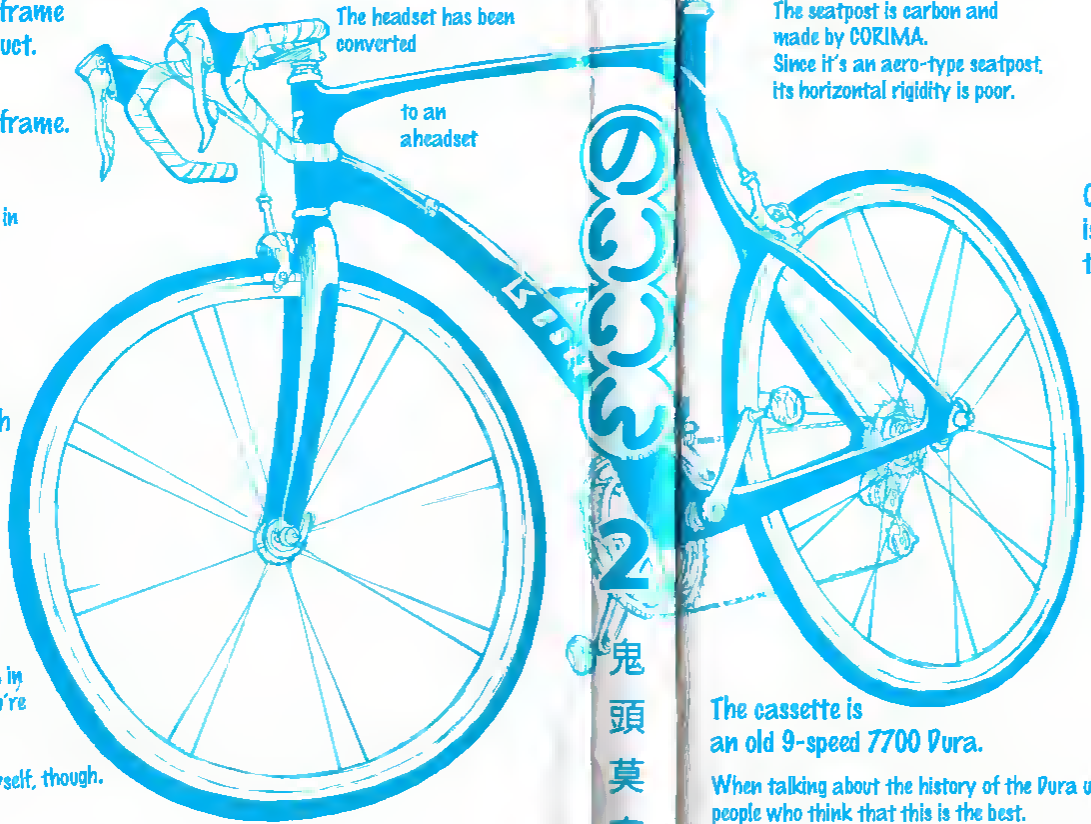
The headset has been converted

to an aheadset

It's specially made for 650C-size wheels, which are smaller than the standard roadracing 700C-size wheels.

The stem is the Ritchey WCS in "if you don't know what you're doing, buy Ritchey".

I made that last part up myself, though.



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Saddle SManie Al Racing. The air cushion is easier on the bottom.

The seatpost is carbon and made by CORIMA. Since it's an aero-type seatpost, its horizontal rigidity is poor.

The cassette is an old 9-speed 7700 Dura.

When talking about the history of the Dura up to the 7900, there are lots of people who think that this is the best.

One just can't use others once they get used to the weight.

The wheels have Rolf's patented paired spoke design.

For a while, Rolf worked together with the Bontrader brand under the Trek Bicycle corporation, but it seems to be producing itself own products independently now.

Of course, Rolf Dietrich himself is still doing well, which is good to hear.

This wheel is only a 30mm-wide image on paper, but it changes every time I try to draw it.

Please don't mind it.

The pedal is made by Speedplay, which is popular nowadays for some reason.

These "lollipops" are often used in triathlons.

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Ch 9 VS. That damn bicyclist

Helmets Part 1

Let's all wear helmets.

It's a must for anyone riding a sports bike.

I was saved by my helmet 3 times in these 10 years.

Two out of those three times, I still got minor brain injuries despite wearing my helmet.

Your head is the heaviest end of your body, the muscles that support it are weak, and it's the farthest body part away from the ground.

Therefore, when you fall down on your bike, a large amount of torque will be applied to your head. Then it's easy for it smash into the ground.

Even if you think that it won't happen to you, it might. There's no excuse to not prevent and protect against this kind of danger.

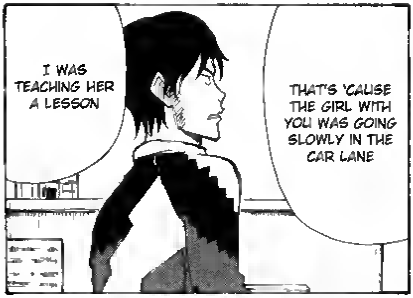
Someone close to me was in an accident while he didn't wear a helmet. He was in a coma for 3 months and didn't return to work for a year.

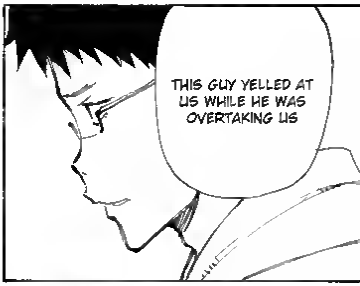
Let's all wear helmets.

WHAT HAPPENED?
EH!? NORI
KARA-MOMO -SAN?
YOUR FRIENDS ARE HERE
OH, WELCOME BACK
OH, ARE YOU HIS GIRLFRIEND?
HEY, YOU

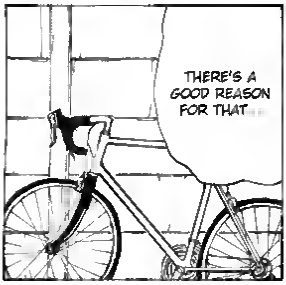
IF YOU'RE A PRO,
THEN YOU COULD AT LEAST PREDICT OTHER PEOPLE'S MOVEMENTS, RIGHT
IF THAT'S NOT THE CASE,
THEN YOU'RE JUST ALL TALK
YOU'RE JUST A NOOBIE
ALSO,
A CULTURE THAT ISN'T LENIENT ON A BEGINNER'S MISTAKES
WON'T GROW

YOU WERE ONCE
A BEGINNER TOO, RIGHT
MARIKO-SAN
DID YOU GET INTO TROUBLE AGAIN?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "AGAIN"?
AH---
YOU'RE
THAT GUY FROM EARLIER


I WAS TEACHING HER A LESSON
THAT'S 'CAUSE THE GIRL WITH YOU WAS GOING SLOWLY IN THE CAR LANE


THIS GUY YELLED AT US WHILE HE WAS OVERTAKING US

WHAT!?
BUT TO A CAR, YOU'RE GOING SLOWLY AND BLOCKING THEIR WAY, RIGHT
HUH?


THERE'S A GOOD REASON FOR THAT...

YOU DIDN'T DRIVE YOUR CAR?
WAIT, MARIKO-SAN, DON'T TELL ME YOU ACTUALLY RODE YOUR BICYCLE?

JUST BY PRESSING DOWN ON THAT GAS PEDAL LIKE A MONKEY,
YOU GO DOWN THE STREET IN THAT RIDICULOUSLY LARGE FRAME
THEN I'LL IT TO YOU STRAIGHT
THE ONES BLOCKING THE ROADS ARE THE CARS
THINKING THAT YOU GUYS ARE THE CENTER OF WORLD, RIGHT?
WHAT, YOU AREN'T A BICYCLIST?
YOU'RE JUST LEECHING OFF OF THE POWER OF ANCIENT LIVING CREATURES, AND YET YOU SEEM SO PROUD OF IT
YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING WITH YOUR OWN POWER
YOU DON'T KNOW IT, BUT EVEN THAT PROUD BIKE OF YOURS COULD ONLY BE MADE BECAUSE OF INDUSTRIALI-ZATION
DON'T MAKE FUN OF INDUSTRIAL-IZATION

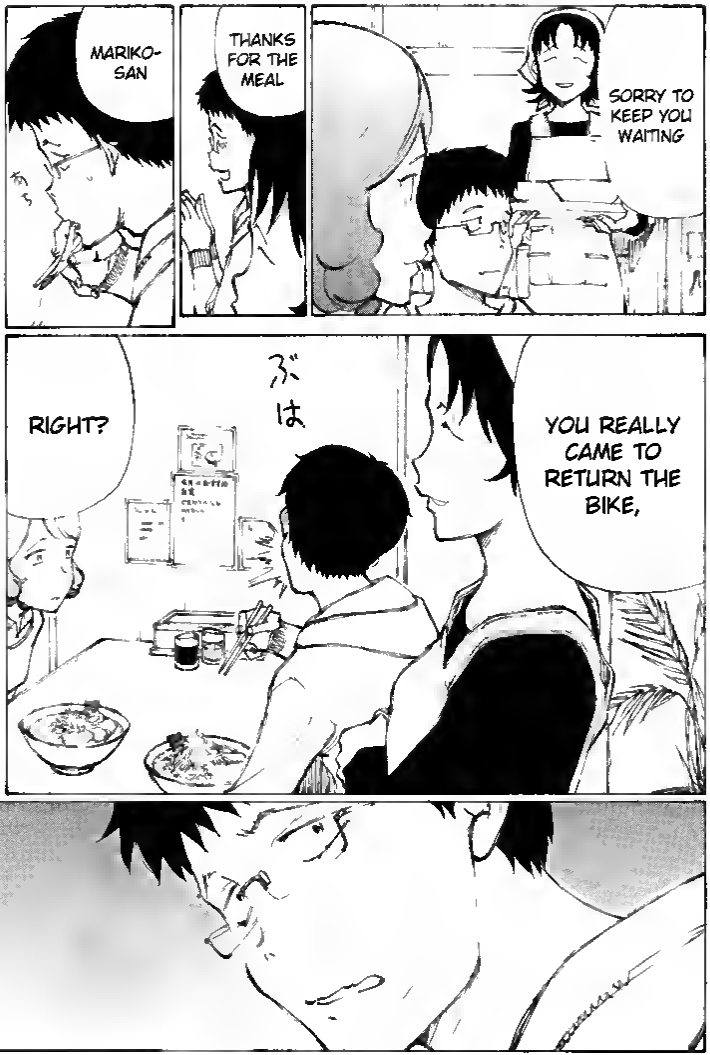
YOU BOYS
ISN'T IT FINE IF YOU BOTH HAVE FUN?
IF YOU JUST LOOK AT CARS AND BICYCLES AS HOBBIES,
THEY'RE BOTH PART OF SOCIETY
NEITHER OF THEM ARE GREATER THAN THE OTHER

EH...
MARIKO-SAN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHOW OFF IN FRONT OF YOUR GIRLFRIEND
WITH FRIED CHICKEN, ON THE HOUSE
ALRIGHT, HERE'S YOUR SALTY RAMEN
IT'S DONE
OH, OKAY?
YOU SAID THAT YOU BIKED
WHAT HAPPENED TO KARAMOMO-SAN
NORI, WHAT DID YOU DO?
I'D LIKE A SALTY RAMEN WITH SPRING ONIONS
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE?
I WANT A SALTY RAMEN
DAMN, NORI
YOU'RE LIKE A GOD
AMAZING
IN THE CAR LANE!?
YOU SURE CAN BIKE WHEN THERE'S A WOMAN AROUND

I'VE HEARD THAT THIS STORE IS A GATHERING PLACE FOR BICYCLISTS
THAT'S BECAUSE EVERYONE IN MY FAMILY RIDES
I DON'T, THOUGH
AND HERE'S OUR BIKE SHOW GIRL
SORRY FOR BEING SO LATE---

DAMMIT, NORI, NOT AGAIN
I MET MARIKO-SAN ON MY WAY BACK
EH, WHAT?
I TOOK A SHOWER
WAIT, DIDN'T YOU GET HERE BEFORE US?
I WAS RIDING MY BIKE FOR A WHILE
RIN-CHAN, WHERE DID YOU GO
COME BACK AND HELP OUT---
WE'RE DONE EATING ANYWAYS
COME SEE OUR BIKES
ON THE SIDEWALK, THOUGH
WE BIKED ALL OF THE WAY HERE
WE BOUGHT BIKES TOO

EVERY ONE LAST OF THEM
SO THEY'RE ALL JUST AFTER THAT GIRL


MARIKO-SAN
THANKS FOR THE MEAL
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING
YOU REALLY CAME TO RETURN THE BIKE,
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RIGHT?

I'LL HELP YOU
BUT YOU'D BE IN TROUBLE IF YOU SAID THAT IN FRONT OF EVERYONE ELSE
HEY

SAYS THAT HE WANTS TO RACE
THAT GUY IN THE GLASSES OVER THERE

TO SEE WHO'S FASTER

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT
THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD DO THAT
WELL, WE'VE ALREADY RACED, RIGHT?
YOU WERE CHASING ME EARLIER, RIGHT?
IT LOOKED MORE LIKE YOU WERE DESPERATELY TRYING TO CATCH UP, THOUGH
SO HE DID NOTICE ME
WHAT A HORRIBLE GUY
BUT...
THAT MEANS THAT
HE WAS GOING ALL OUT?

ROAD BIKES ARE FAST ON NORMAL ROADS, RIGHT?
A BEGINNER LIKE ME VERSUS SOMEONE WHO COULD GO FASTER THAN CARS?
WHY YOU
YOU COULD EVEN REDO THE RACE WITH YOUR CAR
THEN, IF YOU WANT
YOUR OUTDATED FRAME IS NOT EVEN WORTH CONSIDERING
BESIDES, MY ROAD BIKE IS THE LATEST AND FASTEST MODEL
DAMMIT, I CAN'T LET HIM INSULT ME LIKE THIS
YOUR CAR WOULD BE PERFECT FOR YOU

TODOROKI JUN
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MISTER?
I SEE
OHH
AROUND TWO YEARS
HOW LONG HAVE YOU'VE BEEN BIKING?

ARE YOU FREE ONE WEEK FROM NOW?
I'LL PREPARE THIS MAN WITH ANOTHER BIKE, AND HE'LL USE THAT TO COMPETE IN THE RACE
THEN, LET'S DO THIS
EVEN THOUGH THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR ABILITIES IS SO OBVIOUS?
IF YOU WIN, TODOROKI-SAN,
THEN YOU CAN EAT HERE FOR FREE FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR

HEY, HEY, DON'T JUST DECIDE THAT FOR ME
WELL, SINCE I'M A ROAD RACER, I CAN'T EAT TOO MUCH
BUT IF HE'S FINE WITH THAT, I AM TOO
WHAT IF I LOSE?
LET'S SEE

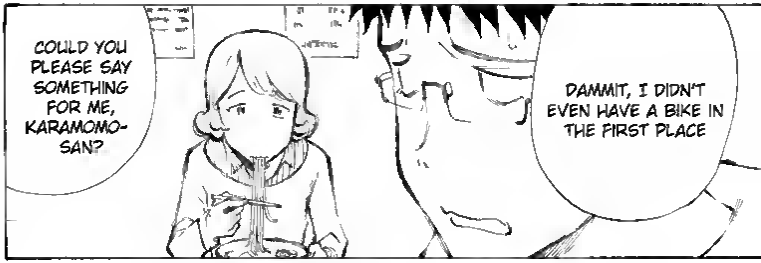
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LOSE, SO ANYTHING GOES
THEN YOU'LL COME HERE FOUR TIMES A WEEK FOR A YEAR TO EAT A MASSIVE RAMEN AND FRIED CHICKEN FEAST, COMPLETE WITH BEVERAGES
W-...
WELL, I'M FINE, 'CAUSE
I'M NOT GONNA LOSE
DON'T JUST KEEP ON TALKING LIKE THAT
LIKE HELL I'M GONNA RACE

NOW?
REALLY?

THEN YOU DO IT YOURSELF
OKAY, THEN A RACE IT IS

DAMMIT, DON'T COME BACK IN AT THE WORST POSSIBLE TIME
THAT SOUNDS INTERESTING
I DON'T GET IT, BUT A RACE?

ME THREE
ME TOO
THAT'S WHAT RIN-CHAN TOLD ME
MY BIKE ISN'T BUILT FOR THAT
THEN IT'S DECIDED
NO OBJECTIONS HERE, MA'AM
IS THAT FINE?
ALRIGHT
THE COURSE WILL BE A FLAT 10KM SEGMENT OF MY OWN CHOOSING
BECAUSE HILLS ARE TOO MUCH OF A HANDICAP FOR BEGINNERS
THE RACE WILL TAKE PLACE ONE WEEK FROM NOW


COULD YOU PLEASE SAY SOMETHING FOR ME, KARAMOMO-SAN?
DAMMIT, I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A BIKE IN THE FIRST PLACE

THINGS SURE ARE HEATING UP
A RACE?

SO YOU'RE ACTUALLY A SPORTS PERSON
UWAH--

Ch 10 For some reason, I'm teased by women

Helmets Part 2

Of course, pro road racers wear helmets.

But the truth is that only recently have the use of helmets been fully accepted. From around 2005.

Even in the early 2000s, racers were going 70 km/h up and down hills without helmets.

Once in 1991, helmets were made mandatory, but the competitors reacted very negatively. Some of them went out on strikes and violated the rule intentionally.

After that, the choice was left up to the competitors. It was a time when it was cool to be "so pro that helmets aren't needed."

The helmets of this time looked like helmets used for construction work.

They weigh about 300 grams.
These helmets haven't changed much until the early 2000s, other than air ventilation.
These helmets were badly designed and hot.

This design is slightly more modern.
Made right before the year 2000.
Its shape takes air flow into consideration.
The design of the rear portion dramatically changed.

This 1998 Giro Boreas was the first of its kind.

The one of the right is MET's Stradivarius, which is the father of modern helmets.

It looks like the exhaust of a fighter plane from a SF movie.

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THEN
SEE YOU NEXT WEEK
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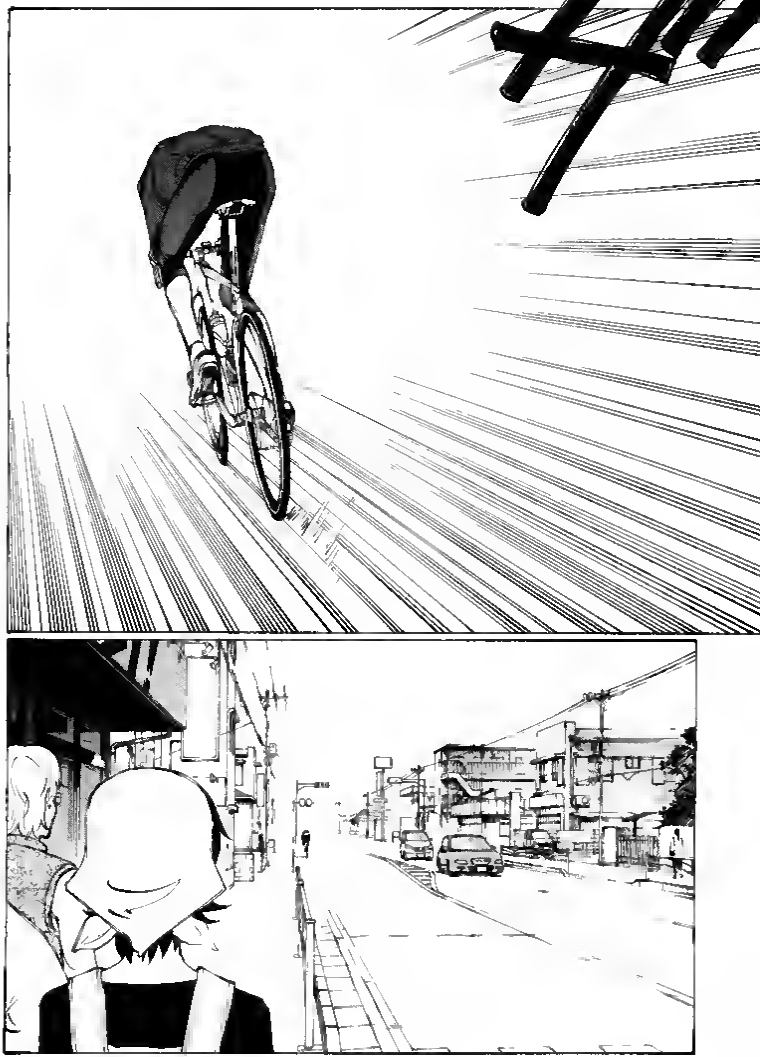

HE'S PUSHING HIMSELF TO DO THAT
THAT SHOW-OFF
HE LOOKS GREAT
SO FAST---
HUH?
ROUGHLY ONE MILLION YEN
WELL, THAT BIKE DID LOOK EXPENSIVE
HE HAS OTHER WHEELS FOR THE REAL RACES
BUT TAKING THE OTHER PARTS INTO CONSIDERATION, THEY'RE PROBABLY ONLY USED FOR PRACTICE
HE'S USING LOWER-GRADE WHEELS,

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THAT'S JUST THE FRAME
ISN'T THAT JUST FIVE HUNDRED YEN
THE LOTUS THAT RIN GAVE YOU IS THE SAME
BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER
YOU CAN BUY A COMPACT CAR WITH THAT, WHAT AN IDIOT
ONE MILLION YEN
THE TRUTH IS, PRICES FOR CARBON FIBER PARTS HAVE BECOME RIDICULOUS AS OF LATE
THAT'S TWENTY TIMES MY BIKE
THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT IT'S ONE OF THE FASTEST BIKES RIGHT NOW
IS THAT BIKE REALLY THAT GREAT?
IT'S INEVITABLE THAT ROAD BIKE PRICES WOULD RISE TO THAT LEVEL, THOUGH

HE'S YOUNGER THAN US
HE'S 25 YEARS OLD, HUH
DEPENDS ON ITS RIDER, AFTER ALL
EVEN THEN, THE BIKE
SHE WENT TO WEST
DID SHE GO TO EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL?
THEN DID SHE GO TO MY SCHOOL?
AH
MY SISTER
WHO?
HE'S IN THE SAME YEAR AS MIMI-CHAN, RIGHT
DOESN'T HE HAVE OTHER HOBBIES?
BUT, EVERYTHING IN HIS LIFE REVOLVES AROUND BICYCLES, HUH

YOU SAID THAT YOU WOULD HELP ME
UM...
BUT YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY GONNA DO THAT, ARE YOU!?
WITH SETTING YOU FREE FROM THE GUILTY CONSCIENCE THAT AROSE FROM REJECTING MY INDOCTRINATION?

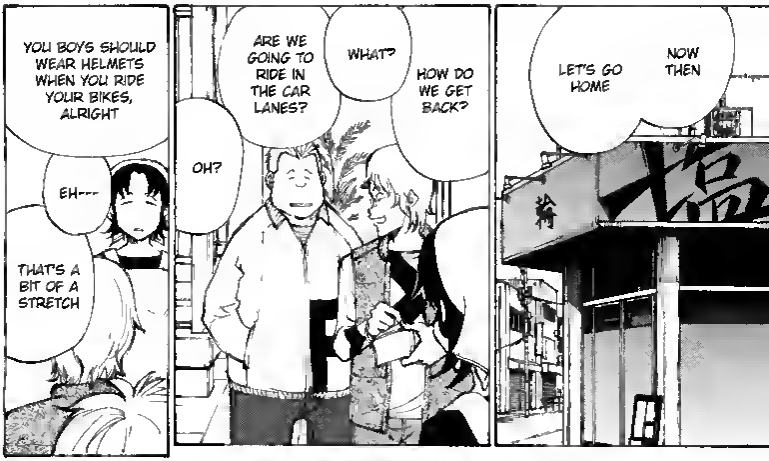
WASN'T THAT FUN?
DIDN'T YOU CHASE AFTER HIM WITH EVERYTHING YOU HAD?

WAH
DIDN'T YOU FEEL THE ADRENALINE?
WHY CAN'T YOU LEAVE ME ALONE?
SO YOU DID
THE TRUTH IS
I'M KIDDING, I'M KIDDING
DOES IT FEEL LIKE I'M PICKING ON YOU?

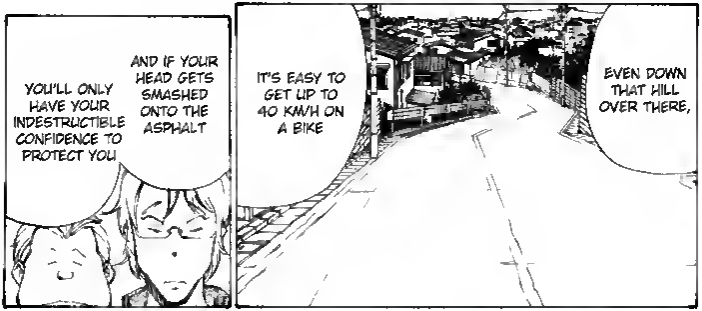
WITH THAT CAR, RIGHT
YOU'RE STUCK
ISN'T A CAR THAT CAN GO FAST IN ANY DRIVER'S HANDS, RIGHT
AN HIGH-POWERED AMERICAN CAR LIKE THAT
MY CAR?
I'M SYMPATHETIC TO THE HARD WORK YOU PUT INTO BUYING THAT CAR
IT'S NOT A CAR THAT NORMAL STREET RACERS WOULD BUY, BECAUSE THE BASE OF ITS CHASSIS IS TOO LOW

LIKE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T ENJOY TRIVIAL WORK,
OR PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW WHAT HARD WORK IS
THIS ISN'T A HOBBY FOR EVERYONE
I DON'T MAKE JUST ANYONE RIDE BICYCLES, YOU KNOW
DO YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT CARS?
SPEAKING OF LOTUS
NOW I'M CURIOUS
I'LL SHOW YOU MY CAR
NEXT TIME
BUT I DO LIKE THEM
I DON'T KNOW IF I KNOW THAT MUCH ABOUT CARS,
AS MUCH AS I LIKE BICYCLES

BUT
BEFORE THAT, YOU'LL HAVE TO RACE
THINGS SURE ARE HEATING UP
YOU MADE A PROMISE WITHOUT MY PERMISSION
THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP ME?

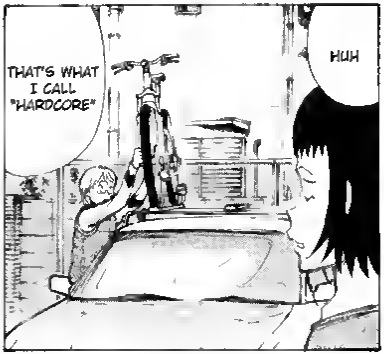

YOU BOYS SHOULD WEAR HELMETS WHEN YOU RIDE YOUR BIKES, ALRIGHT
EH---
THAT'S A BIT OF A STRETCH
ARE WE GOING TO RIDE IN THE CAR LANES?
WHAT?
HOW DO WE GET BACK?
OH?
LET'S GO HOME
NOW THEN

THAT'S AROUND 20 KM/H IN AN ENTIRE MARATHON, AND 40 KM/H IN AN 100-METER DASH
HUMANS CAN'T WITHSTAND IMPACTS AT SPEEDS FASTER THAN WHAT WE CAN PRODUCE BY OURSELVES

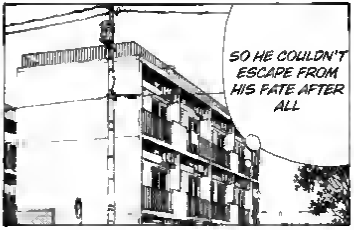

YOU'LL ONLY HAVE YOUR INDESTRUCTIBLE CONFIDENCE TO PROTECT YOU
AND IF YOUR HEAD GETS SMASHED ONTO THE ASPHALT
IT'S EASY TO GET UP TO 40 KM/H ON A BIKE
EVEN DOWN THAT HILL OVER THERE,

I'LL BE ALRIGHT, I WON'T GET INTO ACCIDENTS OR ANYTHING
THAT WON'T HAPPEN TO ME
OH, IT HAPPENS
THOUGH I CAN'T SAY FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE WON EVERYTHING IN THEIR LIVES UP TILL NOW
YOU'LL GET USED TO IT QUICKLY
THE VICTIM MIGHT BE AT REST IF HE DIED IMMEDIATELY AND PAINLESSLY,
BUT IT DOESN'T ALWAYS GO THAT WELL, RIGHT?
THE VICTIM MIGHT END UP IN A COMA OR WITH PARAPLEGY
THAT ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTS THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM
SINCE IT'S SO CHEAP, THERE'S NO EXCUSE
WEAR A HELMET

HUH? WHERE'S MY BROTHER?


HUH
THAT'S WHAT I CALL "HARDCORE"

HE'S ESCORTING KARAMOMO-SAN BACK HOME WITH HIGASHI
THEN HIGASHI IS GOING BACK HOME, HE SAID


SO HE COULDN'T ESCAPE FROM HIS FATE AFTER ALL

ON HIS BIKE?
ON HIS BIKE

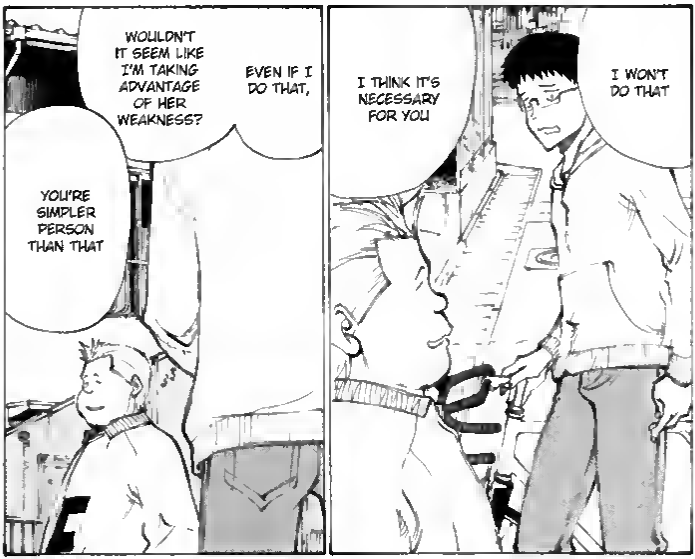
RACE?

HE'S ALWAYS THE KIND OF PERSON TO GET DRAGGED INTO THESE THINGS
THIS TIME, HE'S GOING TO RACE

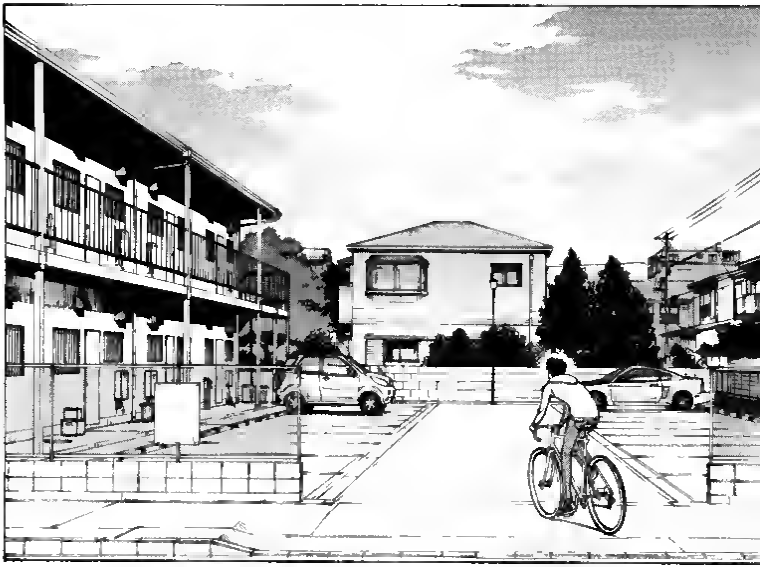
IT WAS INTERESTING WHEN I WAS RIDING BY MYSELF,
TODAY WAS FUN
IT WOULD BE EMBARASSING TO HAVE YOU COME INSIDE MY HOUSE
I'LL BE FINE FROM HERE
WAS KINDA FUN
BUT RIDING TOGE-THER

I JUST MOVED MY FEET IN CIRCLES
IT WAS TOUGH, THOUGH
WELL THEN,
SEE YOU LATER
THEN LET'S GO HOME TOO
NORI

MAKE A MARIKO X MARIKO COUPLE
YOU JUST WANT TO MAKE A HIGASHI X MINAMI COUPLE INSTEAD
YOU SHOULD GO OUT WITH HER

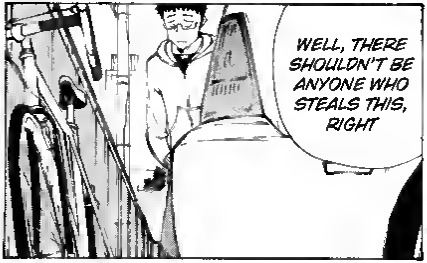

WOULDN'T IT SEEM LIKE I'M TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HER WEAKNESS?
EVEN IF I DO THAT,
YOU'RE SIMPLER PERSON THAN THAT
I THINK IT'S NECESSARY FOR YOU
I WON'T DO THAT

YOU WERE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF BY THE MOM AT THE RAMEN SHOP
THAT'S WHY
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN SIMPLE
ADULTS SHOULD BE SIMPLE
YOU'RE TOO SIMPLE
YOU COULDN'T REFUSE
RIGHT?
SHE KNOWS VERY WELL ABOUT HOW YOU DON'T LIKE TROUBLE
SHE'S THE ONE WHO GETS PENALIZED IF YOU LOSE, NOT YOU



WHAT SHOULD LOCK THIS UP WITH?
THE SPACE BEHIND MY CAR SHOULD BE FINE

CRAP
WHERE DO I HIDE THIS?


WELL, THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANYONE WHO STEALS THIS, RIGHT

G... GIFT?
YOUR IMPORTANT GIFT, HUH
YOU STILL HAVE
WH... WHAT?
YOU
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IT'LL PROBABLY COME IN HANDY
SO HE LENT IT TO YOU
I GOT THIS FROM KUMA-SAN
IF IT'S A LOCK YOU NEED,
ALSO
YOU'LL USE IT, RIGHT?
WHAT
WHAT?
ONE MORE THING
We've Just Married

GOT MARRIED
ODZUKI YUU-SAN

RETURNING IT BACK WOULD'VE BEEN A WASTE
NOW YOU CAN RIDE YOUR BIKE WITHOUT ANY WORRIES
Just Married
BUT
YOU CAN'T EVEN COPE WITH THAT, HUH

Helmets Part 3
Choosing helmets

You can learn which helmet is right for you by going to your local bike shop. Professional magazines also may contain some information. Those places won't tell you this method of choosing helmets.

You should choose helmets by the design of the rear.
If you look at them from the front, all of the helmets look similar.
However, the design of the rear varies by company and model.

Sometimes, even if you look at them from the front, the great helmets won't jump out at you.

The design of the rear. There's lots of different, interesting designs.

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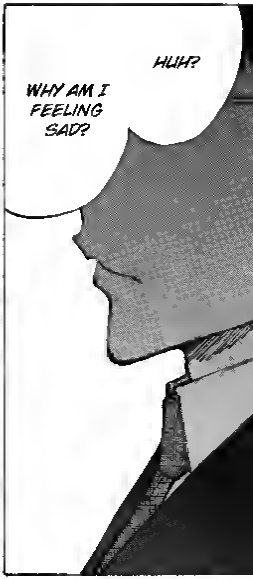
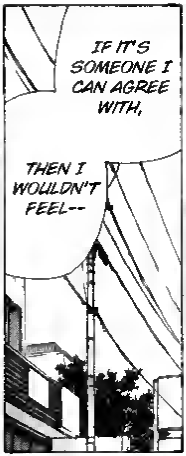
MY FRIENDS BOUGHT THEIR BIKES
MY LICENSE WILL GET CANCELLED SOON
HAS FINALLY COME, HUH?
SO THE TIME

ODZU IS
GETTING MARRIED
I DON'T WANT TO GO TO WORK
LET'S SEE HOW FAR I CAN GO WITH THIS THING
Vroom Vroom

THEN THAT'S WHAT I WANTED, RIGHT?
IF ODZU FOUND HAPPINESS


HUH?
WHY AM I FEELING SAD?

HEY
WHAT KIND OF PERSON AM I?


IF IT'S SOMEONE I CAN AGREE WITH,
THEN I WOULDN'T FEEL--

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THE GROOM

AFTER READING JUST ONE LETTER,
ALONE
I FELT
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SPRING BREAK ENDED
YEP
YOU HAVE SCHOOL TODAY?
HUH?
OH, MARIKO-SAN?
GOOD MORNING

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ERRR, WHERE'S YOUR SCHOOL?
OOTAWARA HIGH
もぐもぐ
THAT'S CLOSE TO MY OFFICE
YOU RIDE THAT FAR ON YOUR BIKE?
MARIKO-SAN, CAN I DRAFT BEHIND YOUR CAR?
OTHERWISE, I'M GONNA BE LATE FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY
EH?
EH
THERE'S NO TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON THIS STRETCH, SO CARS CAN GO FASTER
I'LL USE HANDSIGNS TO TELL YOU TO GO FASTER OR SLOWER

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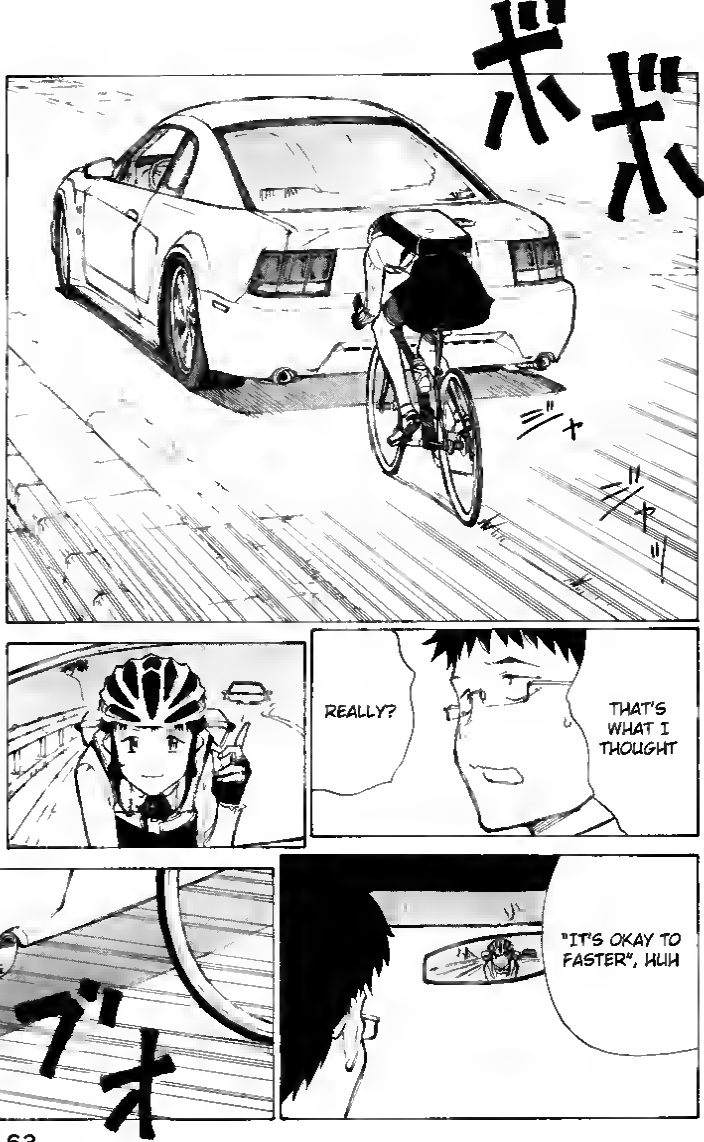
BY "DRAFTING"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REALLY?
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT
"IT'S OKAY TO FASTER", HUH
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I'M GETTING CLOSE TO THE SPEED LIMIT, YOU KNOW?
STILL FASTER?

AND FASTER DOWNHILL
GO SLOWER UPHILL
USE THIS SPEED AS THE STANDARD
AHEAD OF TIME
I'LL HAVE TO GIVE HER A WARNING BRAKE
THIS IS TOO CLOSE, RIGHT
BUT, WELL

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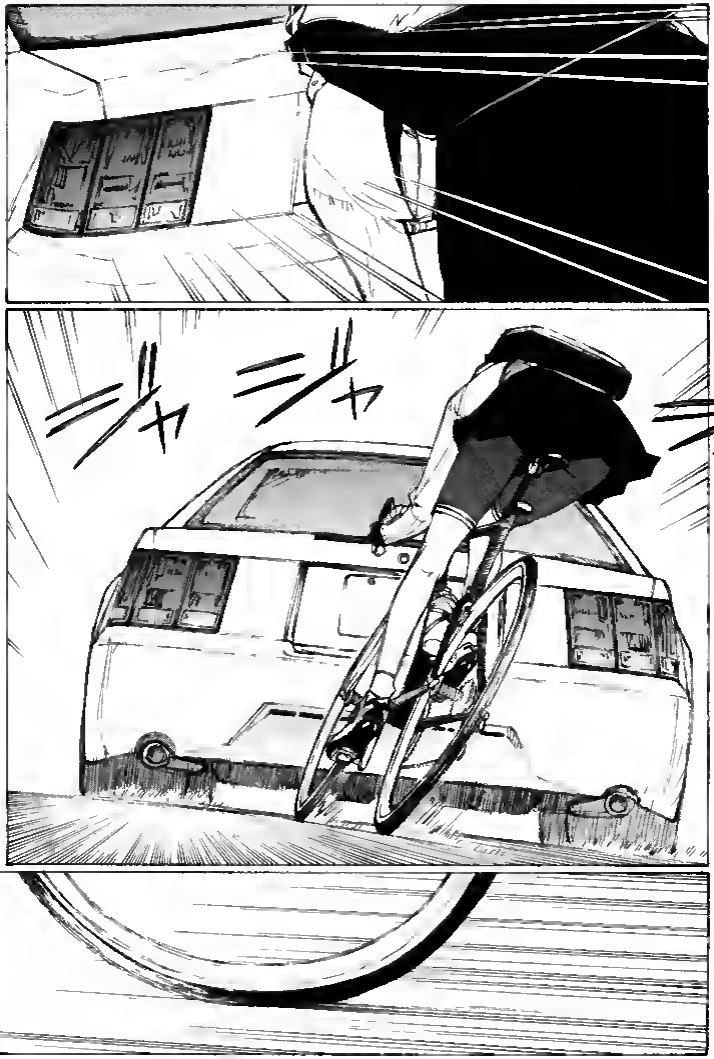
IT FEELS GREAT TO BIKE IN A LARGER GEAR
THIS IS FUN
Until you graduate, you can only use the 52-tooth gear for the front and 14-tooth for the back
I'M SURE THAT MOM WOULDN'T ALLOW THIS
IT'S LIKE THE ONES THEY USE FOR REAL RACING
Like this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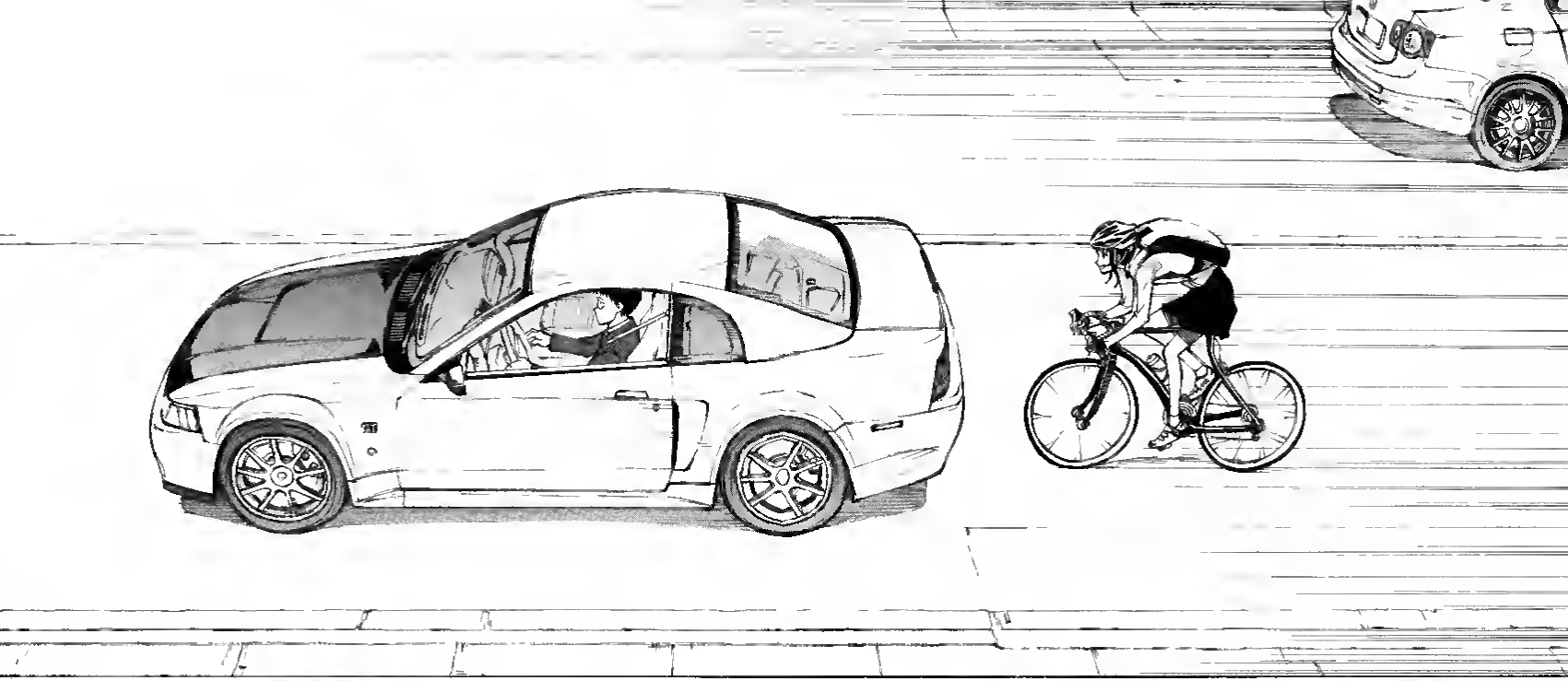
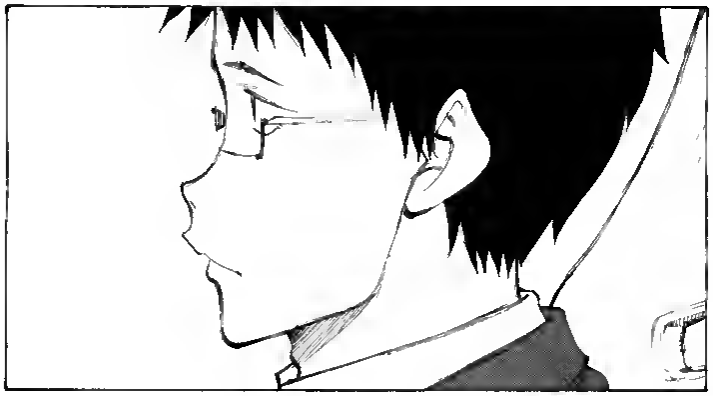
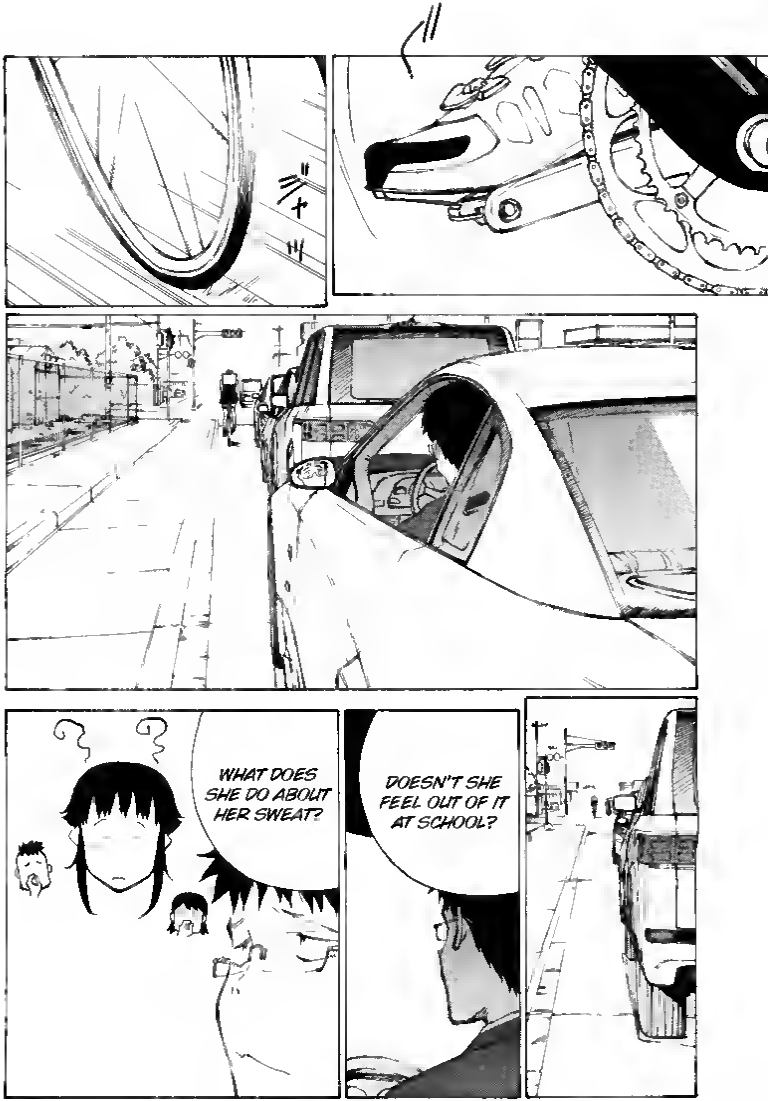




THEN, BE CAREFUL
YEA, THANKS FOR THE HELP
GO AHEAD WITHOUT ME
WE'RE ENTERING THE CITY, SO DRAFTING IS JUST GOING TO CAUSE CONGESTION
I CAN MAKE IT ON TIME NOW

MY MOM
SORRY ABOUT


WHAT DOES SHE DO ABOUT HER SWEAT?
DOESN'T SHE FEEL OUT OF IT AT SCHOOL?

DOESN'T SEEM TO BE COMPLETELY TRUE
"CARS ARE FASTER THAN BIKES ON THE STREETS"
BUT

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UMM
I ONLY WANT TO ASK YOU FOR THIS, SO BEAR WITH ME
COULD IT BE ABOUT THE BIKE?
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH MY
HOW TO BEAT HIM
PLEASE TEACH ME
SINCE YOU FORCED ME INTO THIS ABSURD RACE
THERE SHOULD BE A TRAINING COURSE THAT CAN MAKE ME GO FASTER IN ONE WEEK, RIGHT

SOMETHING LIKE THAT EXISTS
THERE'S NO WAY THAT
EH
EHHH?
EH...
EH...
A MAN WHO HAS HAD TWO YEARS OF TRAINING IN JUST ONE WEEK
YOU HAVE NO CHANCE OF BEATING
MARIKO-SAN, YOU'RE REALLY LOOKING DOWN ON BIKING, HUH
I MEAN, IN THIS DAY AND AGE?

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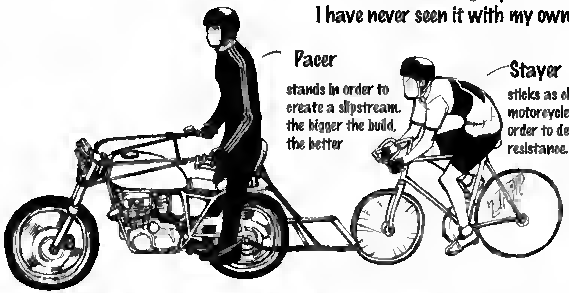
They won't be satisfied until something is done, those two

Motor-paced racing.

The last chapter touched a bit on the topic of motor-paced racing

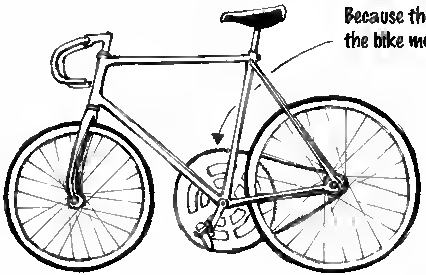
It's racing behind the slipstream of a motorcycle like this.

They can achieve up to 90 km/h.
It dieappeared in the mid-1990s.
It's rare to catch a glimpse of it now.
I have never seen it with my own eyes.


Pacer
stands in order to create a slipstream. the bigger the build, the better
Stayer
sticks as close to the motorcycle as possible in order to decrease air resistance.

The UCI (the world governing body for cycling) still has rules for these events, though.

Mr. Kawamuro Kisou, the first Japanese competitor in the Tour de France, was a stayer in motor-paced racing for two years.

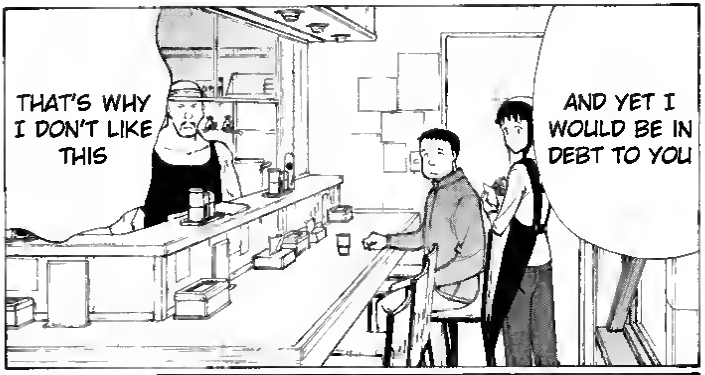


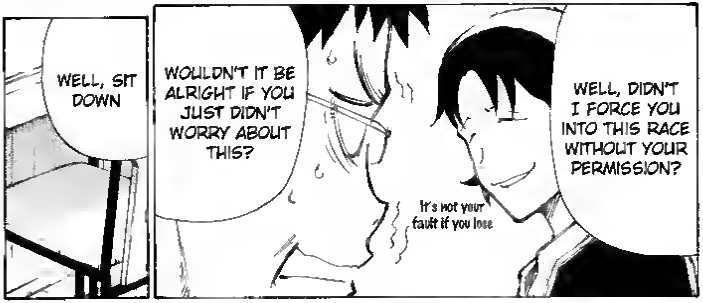
The chain link is made specifically for speed. Because the cog is so heavy, it's impossible to get the bike moving by itself.

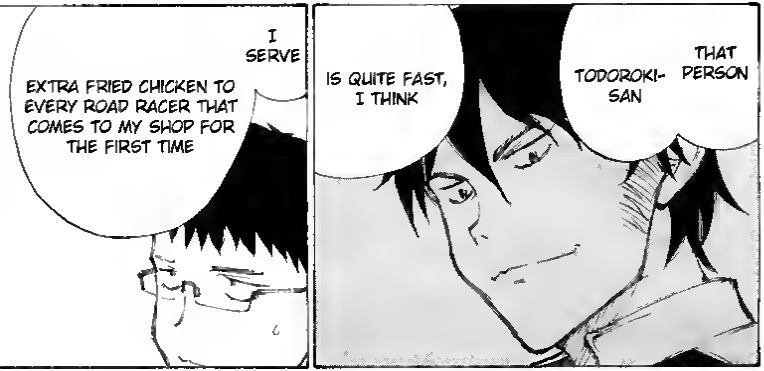
The fork is on backwards in order to reduce the distance to the pacer. By decreasing the caster angle, some stability can be recovered.

The wheels can be enlargened and made more stable
You can try it with your chair wheels and see that it's quite stable.

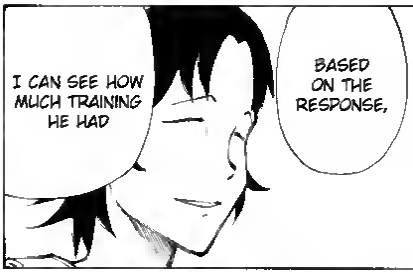
I'LL LOSE THE RACE?
DOESN'T THAT MEAN
hey
I WON'T LOSE TOO MUCH
IT'S OK TO LOSE
AH, WELCOME
WHAT? YOU WANTED TO WIN?

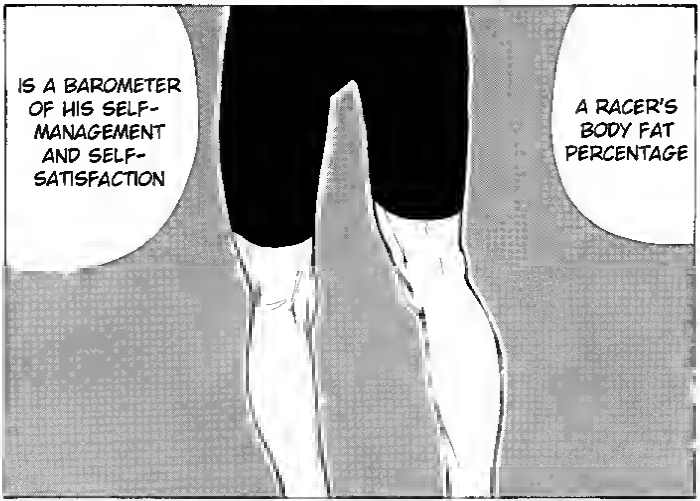

THAT'S WHY I DON'T LIKE THIS
AND YET I WOULD BE IN DEBT TO YOU


WELL, SIT DOWN
WOULDN'T IT BE ALRIGHT IF YOU JUST DIDN'T WORRY ABOUT THIS?
It's not your fault if you lose
WELL, DIDN'T I FORCE YOU INTO THIS RACE WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION?

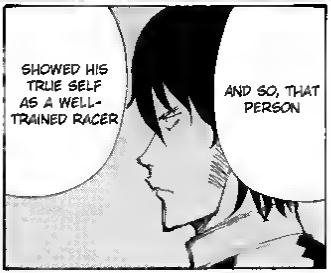

I SERVE EXTRA FRIED CHICKEN TO EVERY ROAD RACER THAT COMES TO MY SHOP FOR THE FIRST TIME
IS QUITE FAST, I THINK
TODOROKI-SAN
THAT PERSON

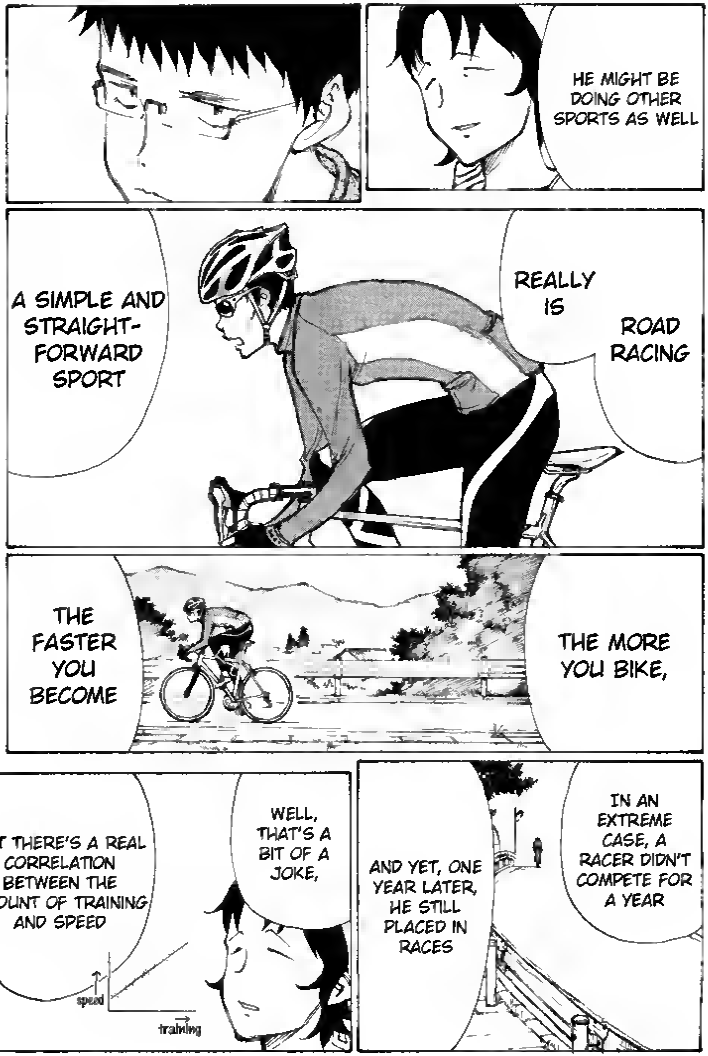
WON'T BE TOO HAPPY
RUNNERS OR RACERS WHO HAD TRAINING
THEY'D BE RATHER ANNOYED


I CAN SEE HOW MUCH TRAINING HE HAD
BASED ON THE RESPONSE,


IS A BAROMETER OF HIS SELF-MANAGEMENT AND SELF-SATISFACTION
A RACER'S BODY FAT PERCENTAGE

SOMEONE WHO HAS BIKED FOR TWO YEARS IN JUST ONE WEEK
THERE'S NO WAY THAT YOU CAN BEAT


SHOWED HIS TRUE SELF AS A WELL-TRAINED RACER
AND SO, THAT PERSON


HE MIGHT BE DOING OTHER SPORTS AS WELL
A SIMPLE AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD SPORT
REALLY IS
ROAD RACING
THE FASTER YOU BECOME
THE MORE YOU BIKE,
BUT THERE'S A REAL CORRELATION BETWEEN THE AMOUNT OF TRAINING AND SPEED
speed
training
WELL, THAT'S A BIT OF A JOKE,
AND YET, ONE YEAR LATER, HE STILL PLACED IN RACES
IN AN EXTREME CASE, A RACER DIDN'T COMPETE FOR A YEAR

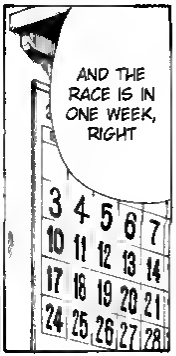
TEN THOUSAND KILO-METERS?
ERR... UMM... THIRTY KILOME-TERS A DAY!?
30000 km / year
HUH?
WHO BIKE OVER TEN THOUSAND KILOMETERS A YEAR AND HAVE REACHED THEIR PEAK
THAT'S ONLY FOR RACERS

REALLY SCIENTIFIC TRAINING
DOES EXIST,
BUT THAT'S ONLY FOR ADVANCED RACERS

DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

IF YOU STICK TO THE TRAINING,

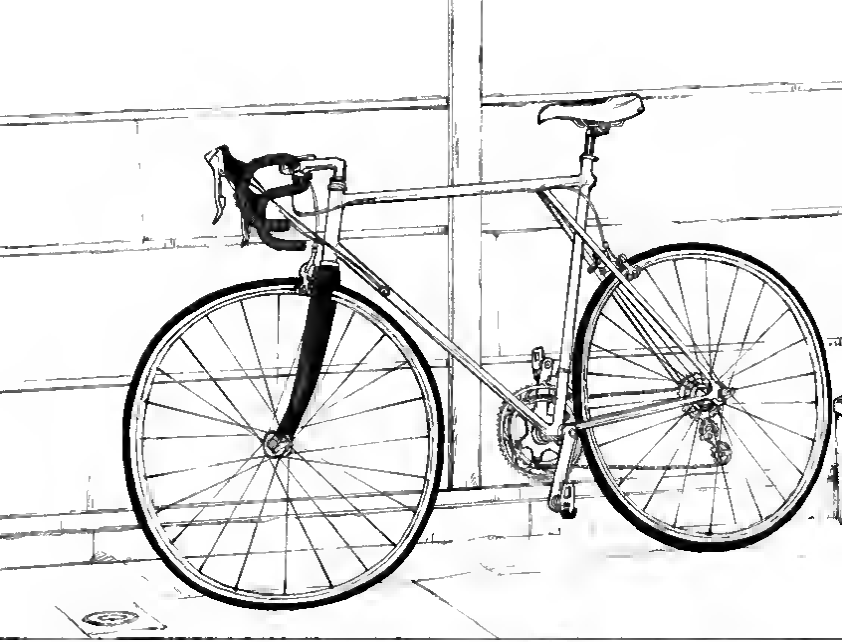
AND GET HOME TOO LATE
IF YOU TRAIN TOO MUCH, YOU'LL JUST BUILD UP FATIGUE

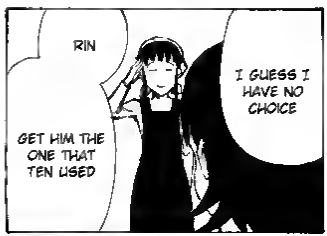

AND THE RACE IS IN ONE WEEK, RIGHT
3 4 5 6 7
10 11 12 13 14
17 18 19 20 21
24 25 26 27 28

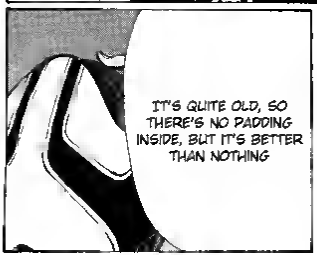
THEN THAT WOULD BE USELESS
YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO BEAT HIM IN A YEAR
WELL, WITH THAT FACE, I CAN TELL THAT YOU WON'T BE SATISFIED UNTIL SOMETHING IS DONE
ME?
A..ARE YOU REALLY JUST PLAYING WITH ME?
THERE REALLY IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO?
THAT'S NOT TRUE, YOU KNOW
YOU THINK THAT YOU WON'T BE A MAN IF YOU LOSE?

YES
PLEASE
YOU WON'T KNOW IF YOU DON'T TRY, RIGHT
THEN, DO YOU WANT TO TRY TO PUT SOME WORK INTO IT?
THEN
READ THIS
Please teach me how to be a narcissistic, smelly, unorganized, childish, masochistic, sadistic, and ignorant bicyclist

WHAT?
You won't be satisfied until I do something
YO... YOU'RE PLAYING WITH ME
PLEASE TEACH ME HOW TO BE A NARCISSISTIC, SMELLY, UNORGANIZED, CHILDISH, MASOCHISTIC, SADISTIC, AND IGNORANT BICYCLIST
SAY IT AS LOUD AS YOU CAN
PLEASE GET ME A SALTY PORK RAMEN WITH EXTRA FRIED CHICKEN?
UMMM
OK, COMING RIGHT UP!!
NEXT?
READ IT
THEN, HERE'S THE NEXT ONE
OK, WELL DONE




RIN
I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE
GET HIM THE ONE THAT TEN USED


IT'S QUITE OLD, SO THERE'S NO PADDING INSIDE, BUT IT'S BETTER THAN NOTHING

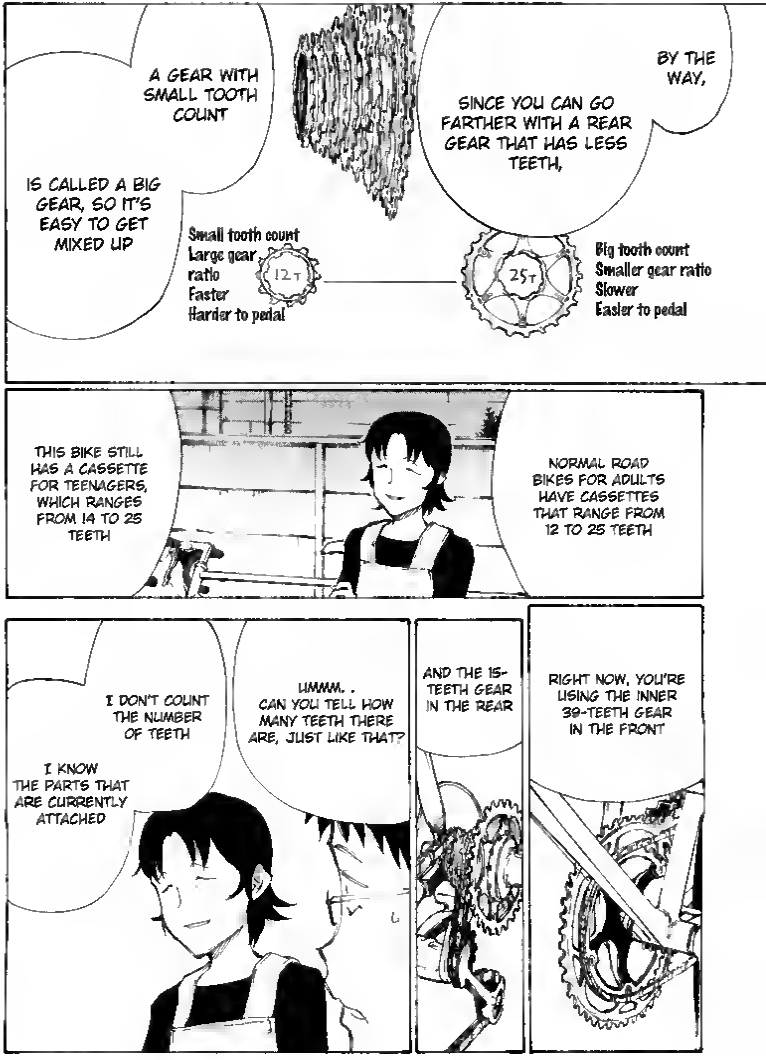
HOW ABOUT A HELMET?

FROM THE HARDWARE STORE
OH, YOU BOUGHT A LIGHT
YOU'RE QUITE EAGER, HUH

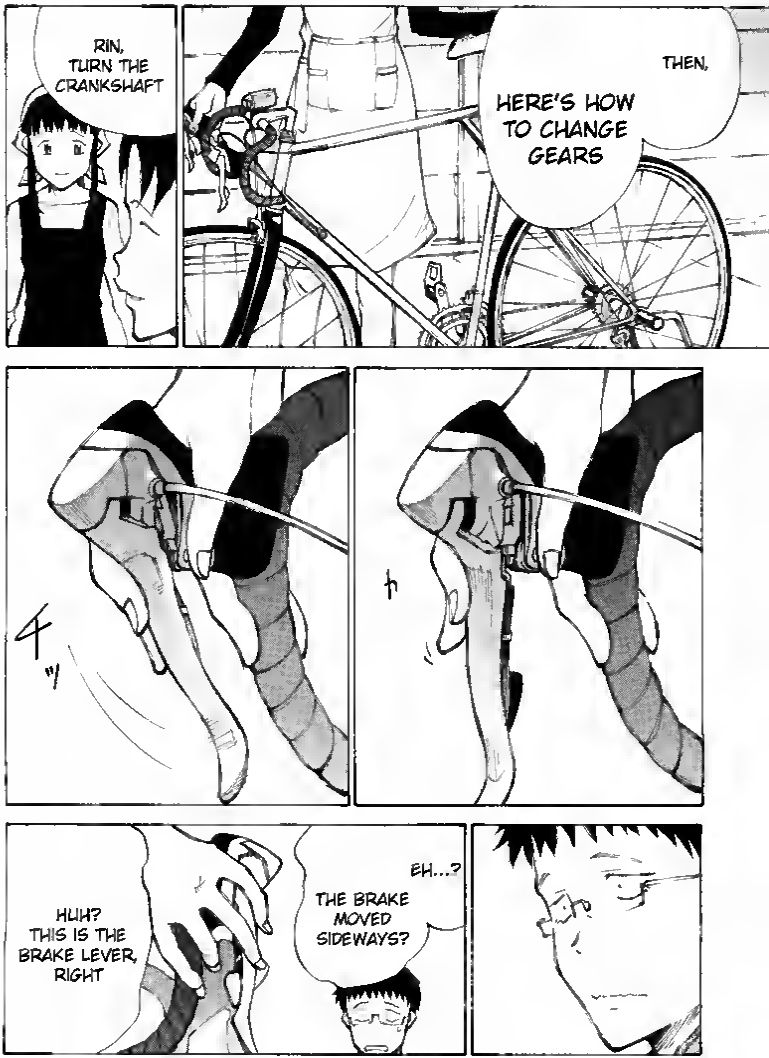
NOW THEN
HAVE YOU CHANGED GEARS?
OF COURSE, YOU HAVEN'T PUMPED UP THE TIRES YET
THAT'S BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO CHANGE IT TO,
AND THERE'S NO LEVER THAT WOULD CHANGE IT
THEN, YOU ALWAYS USED THIS GEAR RATIO
WHILE CHASING HIM
YOU WERE CHASING AFTER TODOROKI-SAN WITH TWO DISADVANTAGES

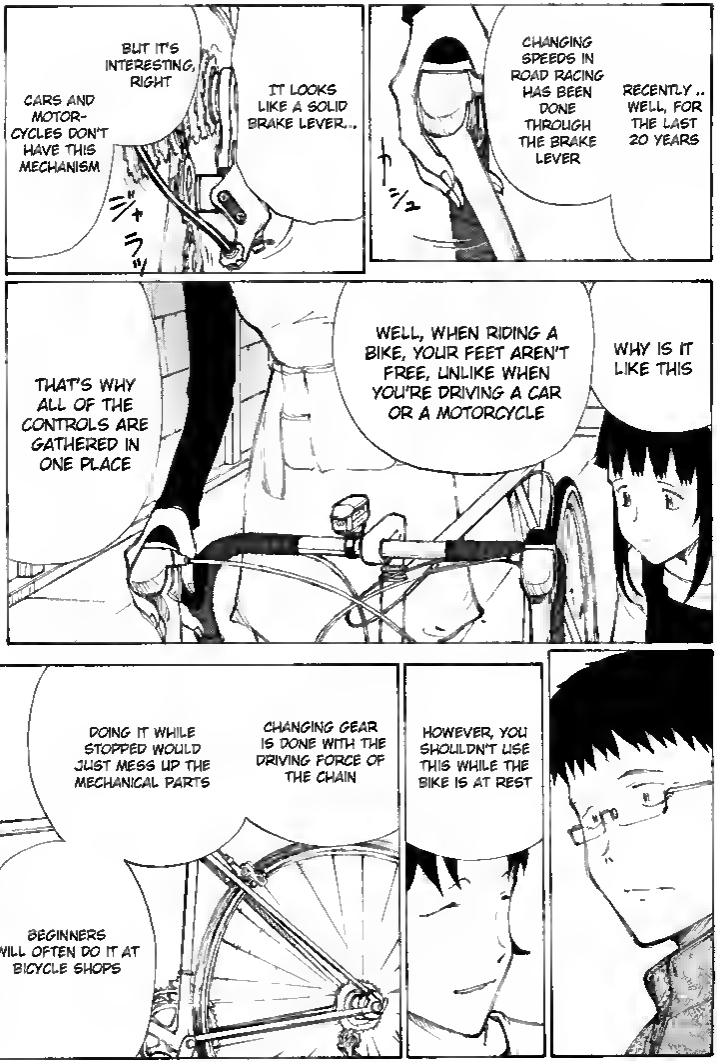
OF COURSE, IF THE TIRES DON'T HAVE AIR IN THEM, THEN THE BIKE IS GOING TO GO SLOWER NO MATTER HOW MUCH ENERGY YOU PEDAL INTO IT
FIRST,
THE TIRES ON ROAD BIKES TEND TO DEFLATE QUICKLY
THE AIR PRESSURE IN THESE TIRES ARE ABOUT FOUR TIMES THAT OF A NORMAL AUTOMOBILE TIRE
WHEN I SAY THAT THE TIRES DEFLATE QUICKLY,
I MEAN THAT THE AIR IN THESE SMALL TIRES ARE HIGHLY COMPRESSED
EVEN THE SLIGHTEST FLAT WOULD HAVE A BIG EFFECT ON PERFORMANCE
SECOND,
THIS BIKE WAS USED BY MY SECOND SON WHEN HE WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL
THE REAR GEAR---
CALLED THE "CASSETTE" IN BIKE TERMINOLOGY
CONTROLS HOW EASY IT IS TO PEDAL THE WHEEL BASED ON THE NUMBER OF TEETH

IN HIGH SCHOOL BICYCLE RACING, THE UPPER LIMIT FOR THE DISTANCE YOU CAN TRAVEL IN A SINGLE REVOLUTION OF YOUR FEET IS 7.93 METERS
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU CAN'T GO TOO FAST, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU PEDAL
I DIDN'T MAKE HIM USE A BIGGER GEAR UNTIL HIGH SCHOOL
IN ORDER TO NOT OBSTRUCT HIS GROWTH BY FORCING HIS MUSCLES TO GROW TOO EARLY,
BUT THAT REQUIRES MORE MUSCLE
THE BIGGER THE GEAR IS, THE FASTER YOU CAN GO
ARE SLIGHTLY SMALLER, SO SHE CAN USE THE 13-TEETH GEAR FOR THE REAR
THE TIRES ON THE BIKE THAT RIN USES
HOWEVER, SHE DOESN'T COMPETE, SO SHE ONLY USES THE 14-TEETH ONE
AND THE 14-TEETH GEAR FOR THE REAR
ARE THE 52-TEETH GEAR FOR THE FRONT
THE ONES USED WITH STANDARD ROAD RACING TIRES
14T
52T


A GEAR WITH SMALL TOOTH COUNT
IS CALLED A BIG GEAR, SO IT'S EASY TO GET MIXED UP
SINCE YOU CAN GO FARTHER WITH A REAR GEAR THAT HAS LESS TEETH,
BY THE WAY,
Small tooth count
Large gear ratio
Faster
Harder to pedal
12T
25T
Big tooth count
Smaller gear ratio
Slower
Easier to pedal
THIS BIKE STILL HAS A CASSETTE FOR TEENAGERS, WHICH RANGES FROM 14 TO 25 TEETH
NORMAL ROAD BIKES FOR ADULTS HAVE CASSETTES THAT RANGE FROM 12 TO 25 TEETH
I KNOW THE PARTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY ATTACHED
I DON'T COUNT THE NUMBER OF TEETH
UMMM. . CAN YOU TELL HOW MANY TEETH THERE ARE, JUST LIKE THAT?
AND THE 15-TEETH GEAR IN THE REAR
RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE USING THE INNER 39-TEETH GEAR IN THE FRONT

TODOROKI-SAN PROBABLY USES A 52-TEETH GEAR FOR THE FRONT AND A 12-TEETH GEAR FOR THE REAR
THAT'S A GEAR RATIO OF ABOUT 4, COMPARED TO YOUR 2.6
NO ONE SHOULD RIDE WITHOUT LEARNING IT FIRST
FOR ROAD RACERS, ALL OF THIS STUFF ABOUT TOOTH COUNT IS FUNDAMENTAL
YOU CAN'T CATCH UP TO HIM
BUT AS I'VE SAID, EVEN IF YOU'RE ON THE SAME TERMS AS HIM
TODOROKI-SAN GOES 1.6 FASTER THAN YOU
YOU HAVE TO PEDAL 8 TIMES WHILE HE ONLY HAS TO PEDAL 5 TIMES
YOU HAVE A LIMIT, RIGHT
EVEN IF YOU PEDAL YOUR FEET MORE AND CATCH UP,

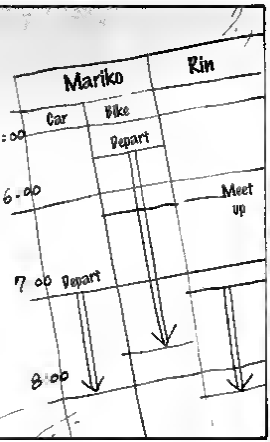

RIN, TURN THE CRANKSHAFT
THEN,
HERE'S HOW TO CHANGE GEARS
HUH? THIS IS THE BRAKE LEVER, RIGHT
EH...?
THE BRAKE MOVED SIDEWAYS?


BUT IT'S INTERESTING, RIGHT
CARS AND MOTOR-CYCLES DON'T HAVE THIS MECHANISM
IT LOOKS LIKE A SOLID BRAKE LEVER...
CHANGING SPEEDS IN ROAD RACING HAS BEEN DONE THROUGH THE BRAKE LEVER
RECENTLY .. WELL, FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS
WELL, WHEN RIDING A BIKE, YOUR FEET AREN'T FREE, UNLIKE WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING A CAR OR A MOTORCYCLE
WHY IS IT LIKE THIS
THAT'S WHY ALL OF THE CONTROLS ARE GATHERED IN ONE PLACE
DOING IT WHILE STOPPED WOULD JUST MESS UP THE MECHANICAL PARTS
CHANGING GEAR IS DONE WITH THE DRIVING FORCE OF THE CHAIN
HOWEVER, YOU SHOULDN'T USE THIS WHILE THE BIKE IS AT REST
BEGINNERS WILL OFTEN DO IT AT BICYCLE SHOPS

NOW THEN
JUST ONE WEEK
HE COULD RIDE HIS BIKE ON HIS WAY TO WORK
EH
GOOD, THAT'S RIGHT
THAT'S A GREAT IDEA, RIN
RIDE YOUR BIKE TO WORK
EH
TOGETHER WITH RIN

I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT RIN BEING LATE FOR SCHOOL LIKE TODAY
SINCE YOU CAN USE YOUR TIME EFFECTIVELY,
RIDING YOUR BIKE TO WORK IS THE MOST BASIC WAY TO GET FASTER AS AN AMATEUR ROAD RACER

LIKE BRING A TOWEL AND EXTRA CLOTHES
I'LL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT
HMM
THAT'S A PROBLEM
NO .. WE DON'T HAVE THAT
CAN YOU USE A SHOWER AT WORK?


Mariko
Rin
Car
Bike
:00
Depart
6:00
Meet up
7:00 Depart
8:00

SO WHEN SHOULD I COME HERE?

WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
YOU'LL HAVE TO WAKE UP AN HOUR EARLIER
UMM ...
I'LL WAKE UP THE SAME TIME...
JUST GIVE IT A TRY
I HAVE TO WAKE UP ONE AND A HALF HOURS EARLIER, HUH---

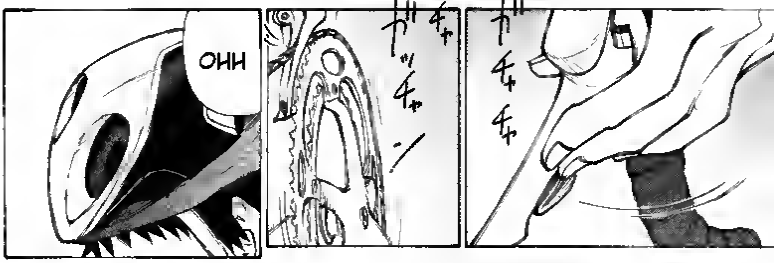
GOODBYE, MY LOVELY SLEEP
MY LOVELY SLEEP
WORK STARTS EARLIER THAN SCHOOL
UNLIKE YOU, IF HE'S LATE FOR WORK, HE WON'T JUST GET LAUGHED AT

THEN STARTING TOMORROW,
SEE YOU HERE IN FRONT OF THE SHOP AT 6:15

RIN
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR ALWAYS BEING LATE
WELL, JUST BEAR IT FOR ONE WEEK
IF MARIKO-SAN GETS FASTER, THEN YOU CAN WAKE UP LATER
I WONDER HOW MANY TIMES TODOROKI-SAN WILL COME
IF HE REALLY COMES EVERYDAY, THEN IT WILL BE A SERIOUS BLOW
THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN WIN, RIGHT
MOM, WHAT WILL YOU DO
IF MARIKO-SAN LOSES

I'VE ALREADY THOUGHT IT OVER
BUT IT'S ALRIGHT
MOM
WERE YOU THINKING OF DOING THAT FROM THE START?
NO WONDER YOU'RE SO RELAXED, YOU WERE JUST THINKING OF THAT
ohoho
OH, WHAT CAN THIS GIRL BE TALKING ABOUT?

FOR THE RACE
I CAN'T WAIT
OH?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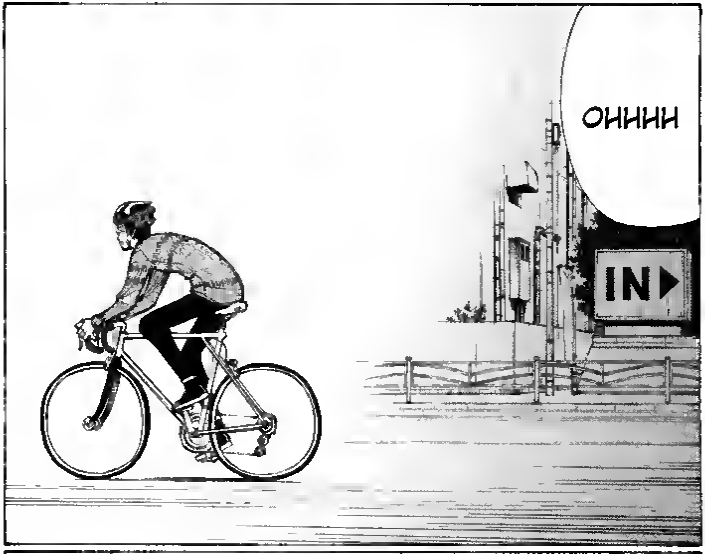
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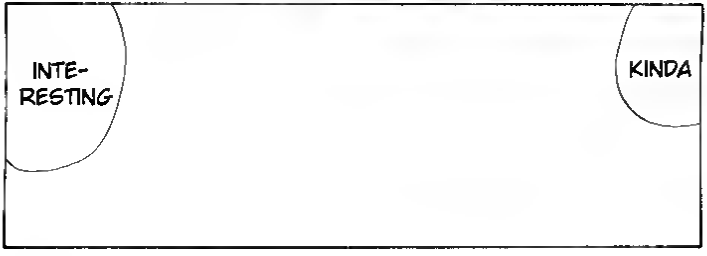
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RESTING
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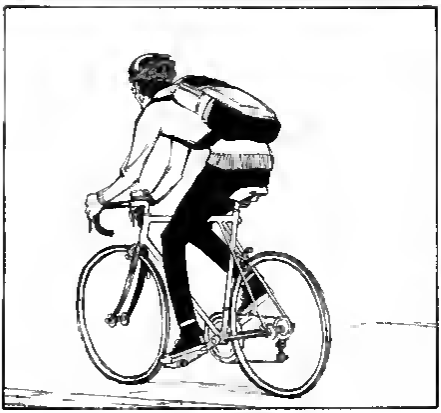
The benefit of seeing things that don't have to be seen

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WH... WHY ARE YOU AWAKE?
I WOKE UP BECAUSE YOU WERE RUMMAGING THROUGH THE HOUSE
DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU'RE LEAVING AT 5:30?
I CAN'T SLEEP AT ALL
YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A KID RIGHT BEFORE A FIELD TRIP
N-NO
THEN, I'LL GO BACK TO SLEEP
hwah

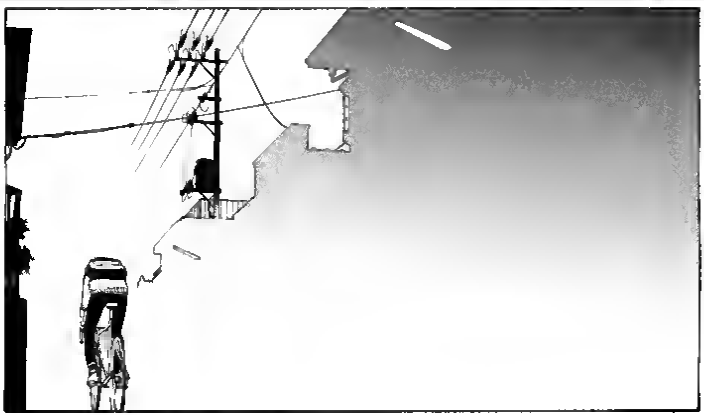
IS TIGHT ENOUGH
YOUR HELMET
THEN,
HAVE A GOOD DAY
YOU MIGHT GET IN TROUBLE
ON THE OTHER HAND, SINCE YOU'RE SO VISIBLE TO OTHER CYCLISTS

WIRE LOCK, CHECK
ANTI-PERSPIRANT SPRAY,
CHECK
GOT MY SUIT AND SHOES IN THE BAG
TOWELS AS WELL
SUIT AND SHOES
CHECK
TOWELS
OR CHECK THROUGH MY BAG ONCE AGAIN
I SHOULD BRING THE BIKE DOWNSTAIRS NOW
IF I MAKE MORE NOISE LATER, I MIGHT WAKE HER UP AGAIN
OOF
IT'S ALREADY DAWN

IT SURE IS SILENT
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
THERE'S STILL TWENTY MINUTES
DURING THESE HOURS
I'M OKAY WITH THE ATMOSPHERE



IF ANYTHING HAPPENS ALONG THE WAY, I'D BE IN TROUBLE, SO I SHOULD JUST GO NOW



GOOD MORNING
YOU'RE EARLIER
GOOD MORNING
HIS BLOOD TYPE MUST BE A, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT
HE'S ALREADY HERE
OH
YET SOME MORE OLD GEAR
WHAT?
BECAUSE I WANT TO GIVE YOU A FEW MORE THINGS
IT'S GREAT THAT YOU CAME HERE EARLY
AND A BOTTLE HOLDER
A CYCLING COMPUTER
5:26

IT'S NOT AS SOPHISTICATED AS A PERSONAL COMPUTER, THOUGH
IT MEASURES EVERYTHING FROM SPEED TO DISTANCE TRAVELED
THE CYCLING COMPUTER IS LIKE AN AUTOMOBILE DASHBOARD
IT'S FUN TO SEE OBJECTIVE MEASUREMENTS OF YOUR OWN ABILITY
I'LL GIVE YOU A NEW BOTTLE
YOU CAN POUR SPORT DRINKS IN ONE AS WELL
IT'S UP TO YOU
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE WORRIED ABOUT IT DURING THIS SEASON
BUT HYDRATION IS VERY IMPORTANT IN SPORTS
IT'S FOR HOLDING WATER BOTTLES
AND THIS IS THE BOTTLE HOLDER

SHE'S HERE
COME ON, PUT ON YOUR HELMET
YOUR UNIFORM — WELL, YOU CAN CHANGE AT SCHOOL, SO THAT'S FINE TOO
DON'T MIND HER
YOU'LL BIKE TOGETHER WITH HER TOMORROW AS WELL
I'LL BIKE ON MY OWN STARTING TOMORROW
SORRY ABOUT THIS
AND RIN WILL FOLLOW YOU
THEN, YOU GO FIRST, MARIKO-SAN

SHE REALLY CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN GROUP SPORTS
SHE GETS CARRIED OFF AND FORGETS WHOEVER IS BEHIND HER
YOU CAN'T LET THIS GIRL RIDE IN FRONT
SO THE BETTER RIDER IS THE REAR GUARD
I SEE
THEN, WE'LL BE GOING
HAVE A GOOD DAY
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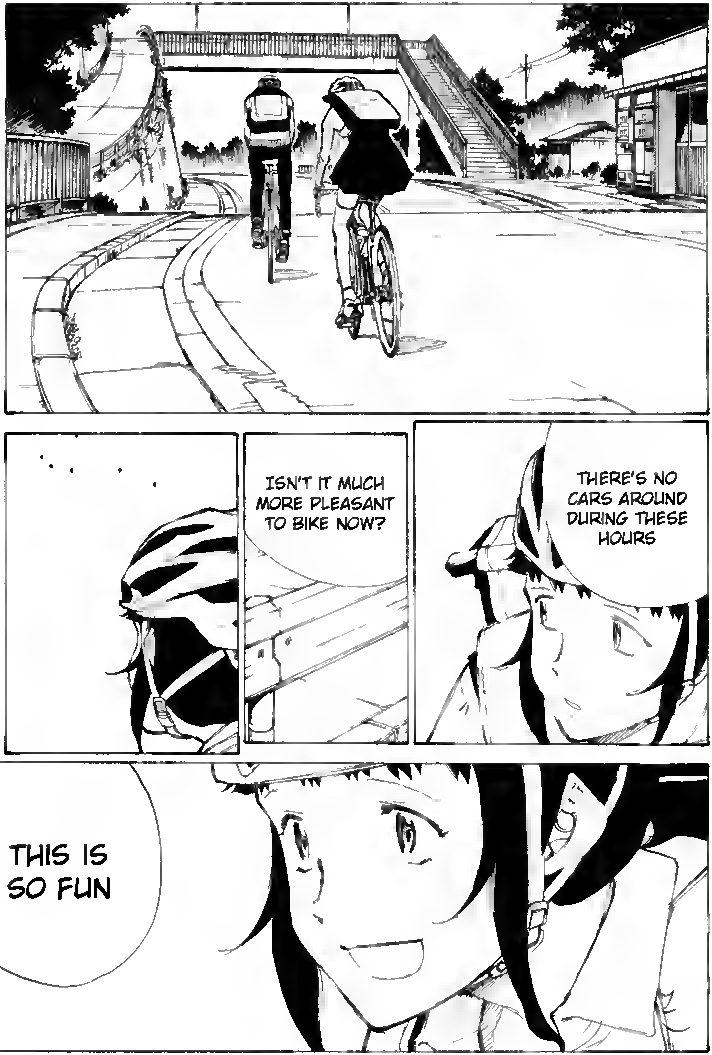
BWAH!?
THAT'S RIGHT, I'M SUPPOSED TO BE RIDING ALONG WITH MARIKO-SAN


ISN'T IT MUCH MORE PLEASANT TO BIKE NOW?
THERE'S NO CARS AROUND DURING THESE HOURS
THIS IS SO FUN

WHAT!?
MARIKO-SAN
SHIFT IT TO A SMALLER RING
SHIFT IT DOWN
YOUR FRONT GEAR
YOU SHOULD START BY USING THE SMALLER RINGS AND PEDALING MORE FREQUENTLY
THE LARGER RINGS ARE FOR WHEN YOU'RE GOING TOO FAST, SO YOU'LL TIRE YOURSELF OUT IF YOU USE THE LARGER RINGS RIGHT NOW

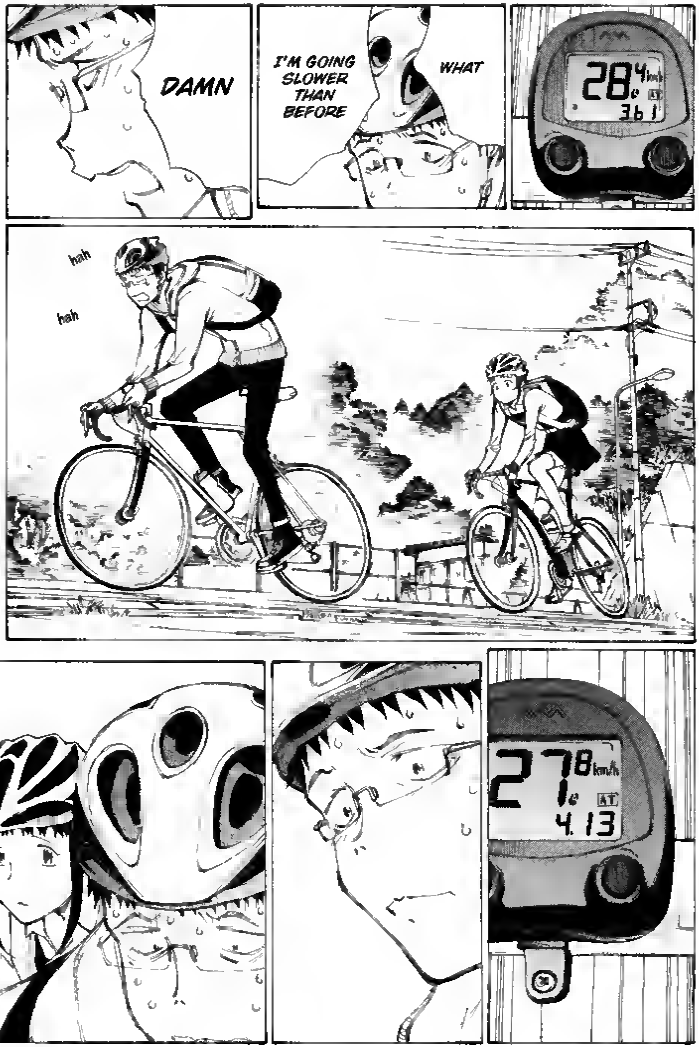
I'LL TRY IT
ROGER THAT
IT USED TO BE FASHIONABLE TO NORMALLY USE LARGER RINGS
MY MOM SAID THAT IT'S A DEPRECATED PRACTICE NOW
GOTCHA
NOW, MOST PEOPLE JUST USE SMALLER RINGS AND PEDAL MORE

EVEN THOUGH I DRIVE THROUGH HERE IN MY CAR ALMOST EVERY DAY,
IT'S LIKE I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE
BUT
IT'S LIKE WHILE I'M BIKING,
I SEE THINGS THAT DON'T USUALLY HAVE TO BE SEEN
I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE
MY YOUTH WAS ROTTING IN THERE
black Supra

hah
hah

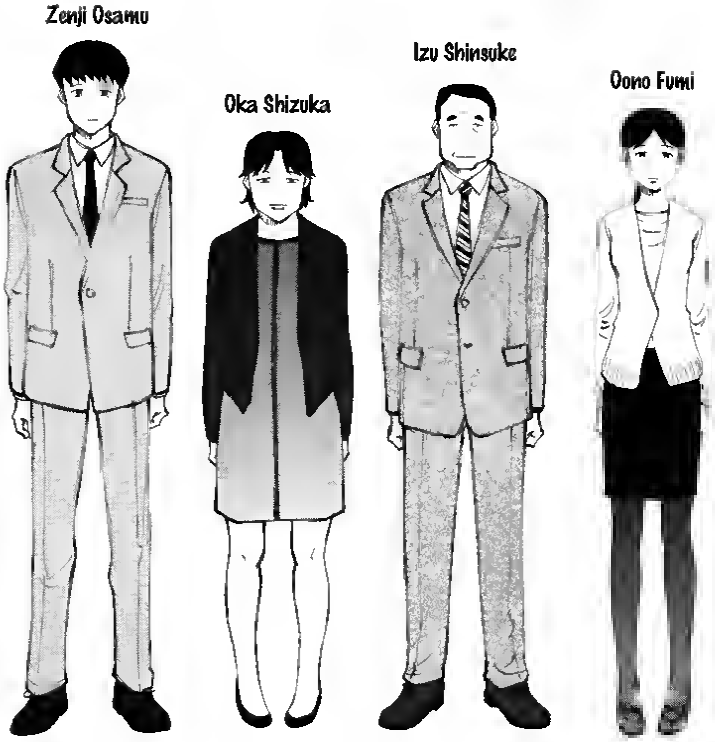
THAT'S SLOWER THAN I THOUGHT
I'M ONLY GOING AT 30 KILOMETERS PER HOUR?
30.2
2.86
hah
hah
DAMMIT

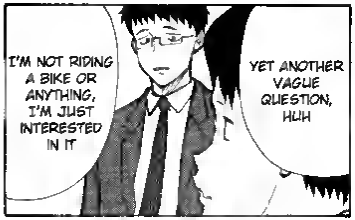
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL,
YOU SHOULD SLOW DOWN A BIT
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T KEEP PUSHING YOURSELF LIKE THIS
はっ、はっ、
HUH!?
MARIKO-SAN
hah
hah
NO PAIN, NO GAIN
EVEN IF YOU TELL THAT TO ME...


DAMN
I'M GOING SLOWER THAN BEFORE
WHAT
28.4km/h
AT
36:1
huh
hah
27.8km/h
AT
4.13

WE'RE ONLY HALFWAY THERE
IT'S BEST TO CONSERVE YOUR STRENGTH
25.9km/h
437
BEING SHOWN OBJECTIVE MEASUREMENTS OF MY OWN ABILITY
IS CRUEL

Ch 14 All sorts of resistance pop up

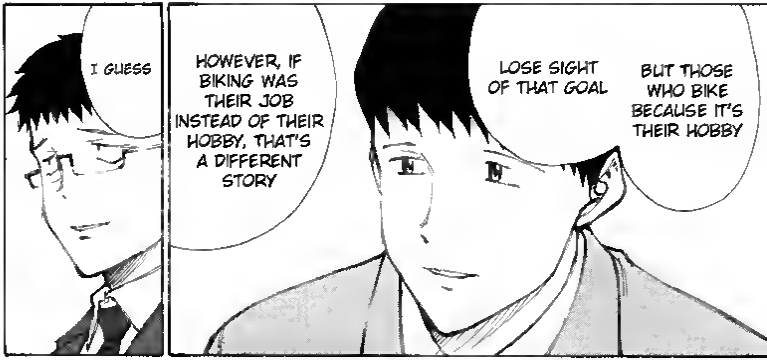


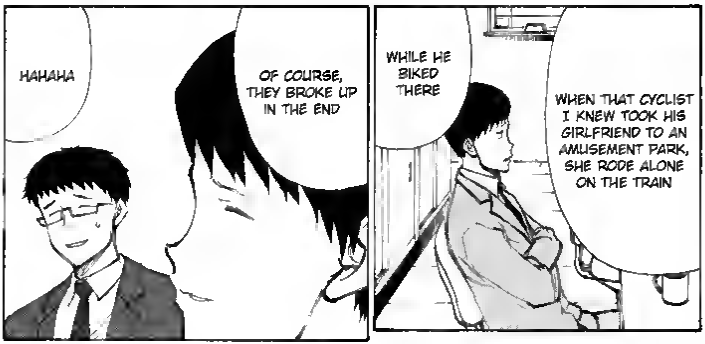

I'M NOT RIDING A BIKE OR ANYTHING, I'M JUST INTERESTED IN IT
YET ANOTHER VAGUE QUESTION, HUH

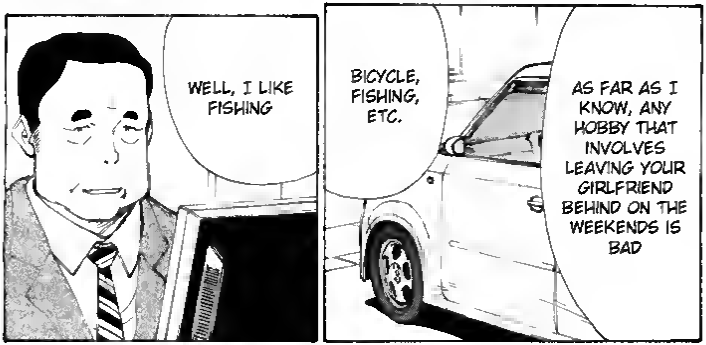
HEY, ZENJI
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE A BICYCLIST?

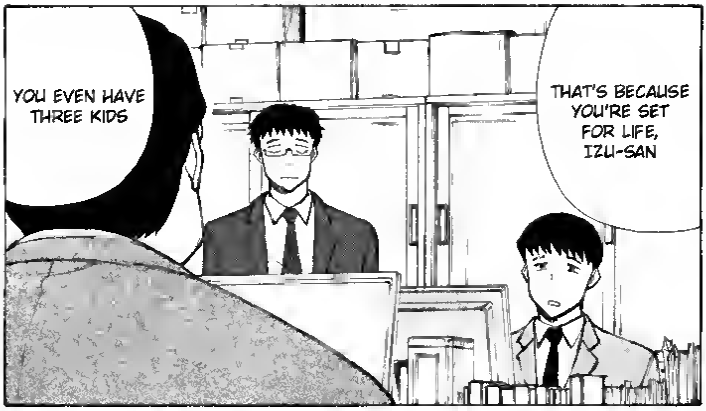
IT'S ALSO IMPOSSIBLE TO TAKE YOUR GIRLFRIEND AROUND ON A BIKE
OTHER PEOPLE TEND TO THINK THAT YOU'RE A WEIRDO

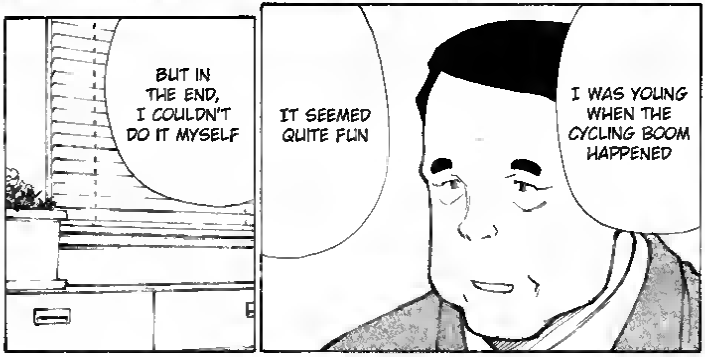
YOU SURE ARE EASY TO UNDERSTAND
WE LIVE FOR WOMEN
THEY'RE THE FOUNDATION FOR MEN IN THIS WORLD
MARIKO-SAN, WHY AREN'T YOU AS INTERESTED IN WOMEN?
AHH, I SEE
DOING IT AT SUCH AN EARLY AGE IS STRANGE, AND GETTING YOUR PRIORITIES BACKWARDS
AND EVEN THOUGH I KNEW A CYCLIST MYSELF,
WHILE I THINK THAT BIKING FOR HEALTH IS REASONABLE FOR OLDER PEOPLE,
ARE ALL DONE FOR ATTRACTING WOMEN, RIGHT?
IN THE END, STUDYING, DOING SPORTS, AND ENHANCING YOUR SPECIAL QUALITIES,
BECAUSE
GETTING MY PRIORITIES BACKWARDS?

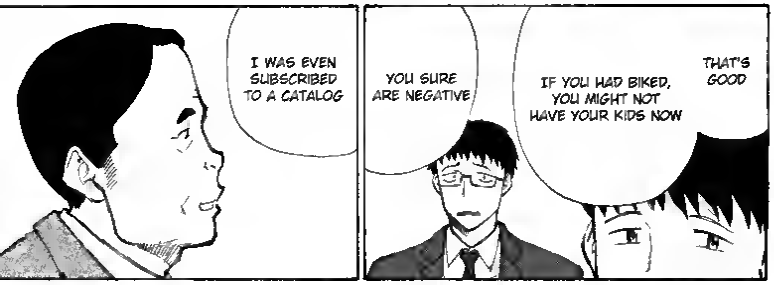

I GUESS
HOWEVER, IF BIKING WAS THEIR JOB INSTEAD OF THEIR HOBBY, THAT'S A DIFFERENT STORY
BUT THOSE WHO BIKE BECAUSE IT'S THEIR HOBBY
LOSE SIGHT OF THAT GOAL


HAHAHA
OF COURSE, THEY BROKE UP IN THE END
WHILE HE BIKED THERE
WHEN THAT CYCLIST I KNEW TOOK HIS GIRLFRIEND TO AN AMUSEMENT PARK, SHE RODE ALONE ON THE TRAIN


WELL, I LIKE FISHING
BICYCLE, FISHING, ETC.
AS FAR AS I KNOW, ANY HOBBY THAT INVOLVES LEAVING YOUR GIRLFRIEND BEHIND ON THE WEEKENDS IS BAD

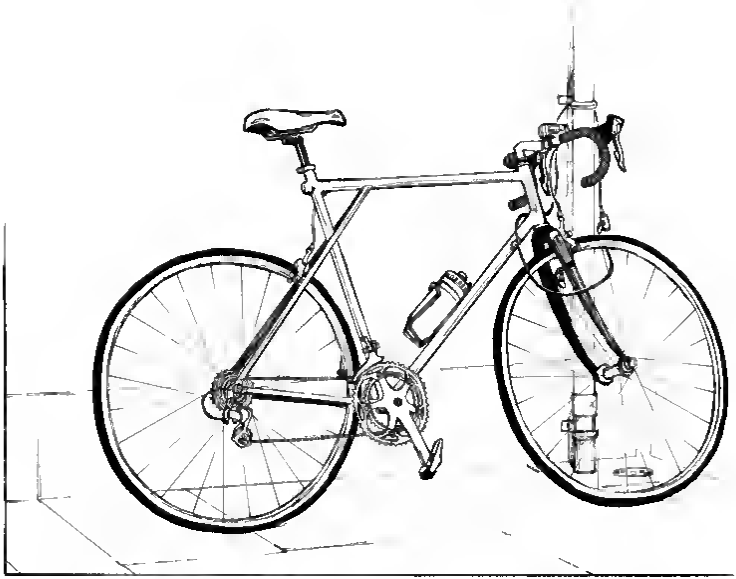

YOU EVEN HAVE THREE KIDS
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE SET FOR LIFE, IZU-SAN

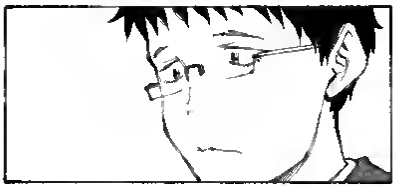

BUT IN THE END, I COULDN'T DO IT MYSELF
IT SEEMED QUITE FUN
I WAS YOUNG WHEN THE CYCLING BOOM HAPPENED


I WAS EVEN SUBSCRIBED TO A CATALOG
YOU SURE ARE NEGATIVE
IF YOU HAD BIKED, YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE YOUR KIDS NOW
THAT'S GOOD

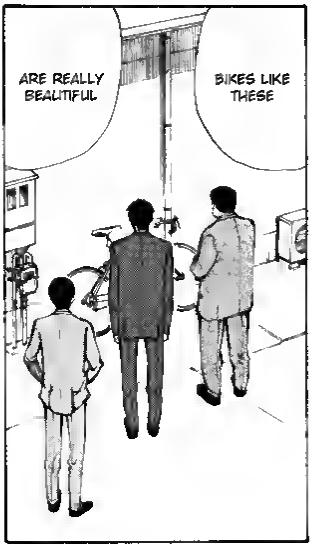
I STILL THINK OF IT AS THE BEST BRAND
EVEN NOW, I STILL REMEMBER THE NAME "SUNTOUR"
DO YOU KNOW IT?
THE ONE THAT KOICHI NAKANO REPRESENTED
WHAT IS IT, MARIKO-KUN?
ARE YOU TAKING UP BIKING
NOW THAT YOU CAN'T DRIVE YOUR CAR?
MAYBE I SHOULD RIDE TOGETHER
NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO, YOU CAN NEVER PICK UP GIRLS IN THAT CAR OF YOURS ANYWAYS
WELL EXCUSE ME, THAT HAS HAPPENED AT LEAST ONCE, YOU KNOW
IT'S ALRIGHT, YOU'LL JUST TRANSFORM FROM A CAR-DRIVING WEIRDO
TO A BIKE-RIDING WEIRDO, MARIKO-SAN

MAYBE I'LL BECOME A BIKING WEIRDO TOO
WITH GEAR FROM SUNTOUR, WHICH I ADMIRE SO MUCH
HAHAHA
DAMMIT
HUH?
COULD IT BE?
AND BY "TODAY", I MEAN LOTS OF DAYS THIS WEEK
I'M BORROWING THE COMPANY CAR FOR TODAY
OKA-SAN
WELL, THAT'S FINE TOO
IT'S NOT MINE, SO I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT
HEY, SHOW US

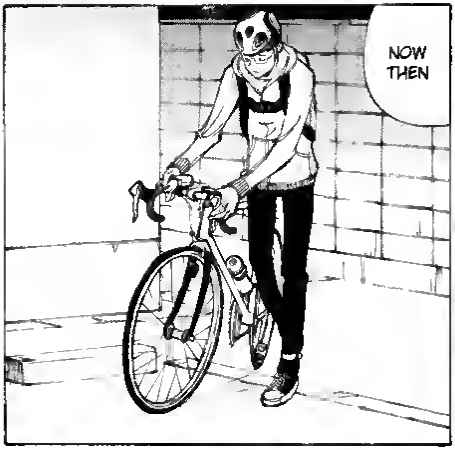




BECAUSE, THERE'S NOTHING IRRATIONAL ABOUT THAT SHAPE
REALLY?


ARE REALLY BEAUTIFUL
BIKES LIKE THESE

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
THE TRIANGLE IS THE DIVINE SHAPE
DO THIS HERE, LOOK
OHH?
HUH
LEAVING THAT ASIDE,
HOW DO YOU CHANGE THE GEAR ON THIS?
IZU-SAN, THIS IS BAD
COME ON, CAN'T YOU SEE HOW SUBLIME THE SHAPE IS?
YOU'RE TURNING INTO THE WEIRDO'S FRIEND
HE SHOULD BE HAPPY ABOUT THAT, RIGHT?
DAMMIT


NOW
THEN

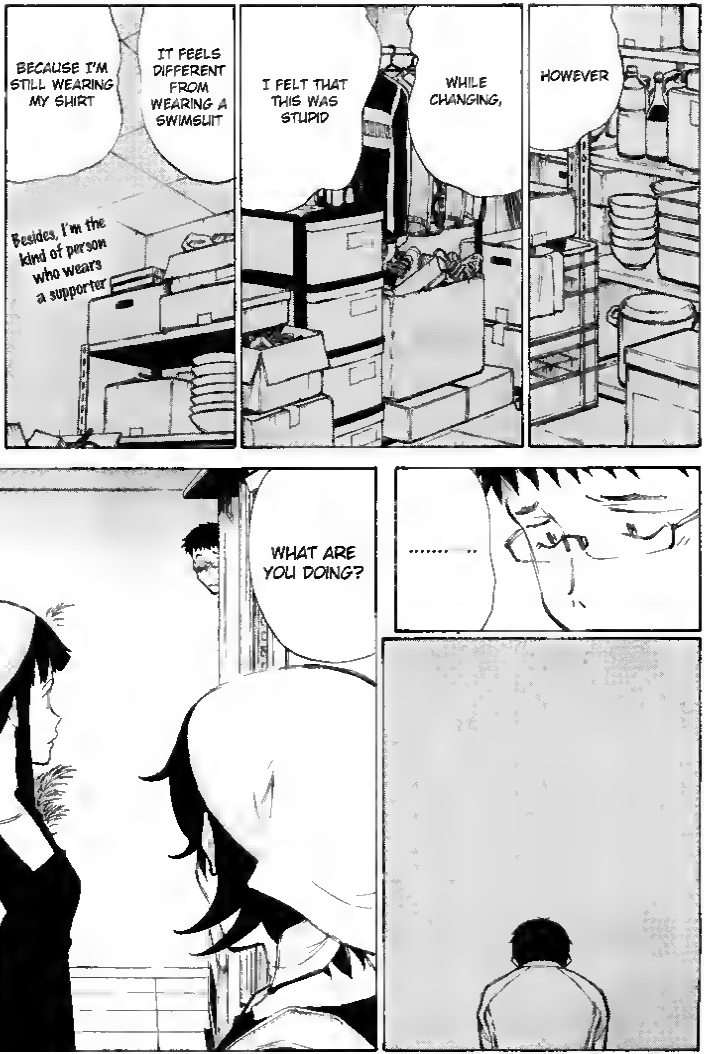
BRO
THAT'S AN IMPRESSIVE OUTFIT YOU'RE WEARING

EHHH?
EH
IT'S FINE IF YOU'RE INTENTIONALLY INCREASING AIR RESISTANCE FOR TRAINING, BUT IT SLOWS YOU DOWN BY A LOT
YOUR HOOD
IT'S CATCHING ALL OF THE WIND
YOU SHOULD WEAR CLOTHES THAT ARE MORE STREAMLINED
ROAD RACING IS A BATTLE AGAINST AIR RESISTANCE

DID YOU NOTICE ANYTHING ELSE?
THEN, AFTER BIKING FOR TODAY,
THAT'S A VERY NATURAL OPINION
WAS WHAT I WAS TOLD
THAT
IT HURTS A BIT?
THAT'S NOT EMBARASSING AT ALL
I MEAN, MY GROIN
MY POS-TERIOR...
UMMM
DON'T TELL ME
"PROPER SPORTS-WEAR"...
IN PROPER SPORTS-WEAR
THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE, SO LET'S GET YOU DRESSED UP
IN CYCLING, ONE REALLY CAN'T AVOID TALKING ABOUT THE PERINEUM
Peri-neum?

YOU SURE LIKE TO SAY NO
THAT WOULD BE LEWD?
THAT WOULD BE WEIR----
NO, NO WAY! NOT A CHANCE IN HELL
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN WE'LL HAVE TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN
DON'T YOU WANT TO WIN?
WELL, WITHOUT COMPLAINING
WHEN IN ROME, DO AS THE ROMANS DO
IT MAY NOT BE THE BEST,
BUT IT SURE IS BETTER THAN IT WAS BACK THEN
SPORTSWEAR ARE SHAPED LIKE THAT
FOR A REASON, YOU KNOW?

THEY'RE A BIT OLD, BUT SPORTSWEAR HASN'T IMPROVED DRAMATICALLY RECENTLY
HERE ARE SOME THAT MY SON NEVER USED
REALLY?
CHOICE?
I...I HAVE NO
IT... IT'S ALL FOR VICTORY?
TAKE OFF YOUR UNDER-WEAR---


BECAUSE I'M STILL WEARING MY SHIRT
IT FEELS DIFFERENT FROM WEARING A SWIMSUIT
Besides, I'm the kind of person who wears a supporter
I FELT THAT THIS WAS STUPID
WHILE CHANGING,
HOWEVER
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
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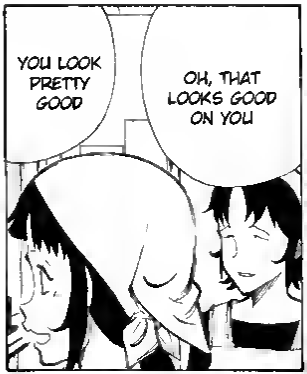
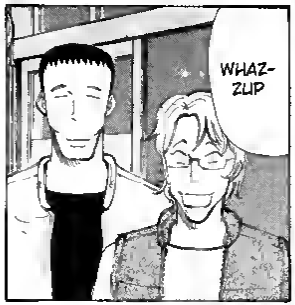

YOU LOOK PRETTY GOOD
OH, THAT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU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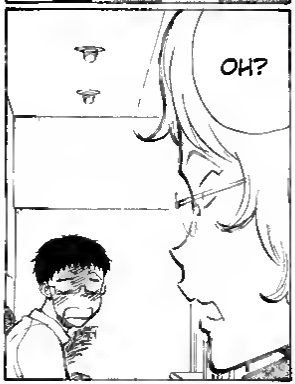
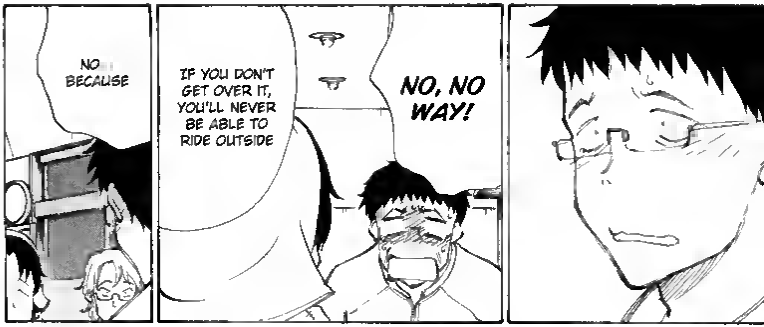
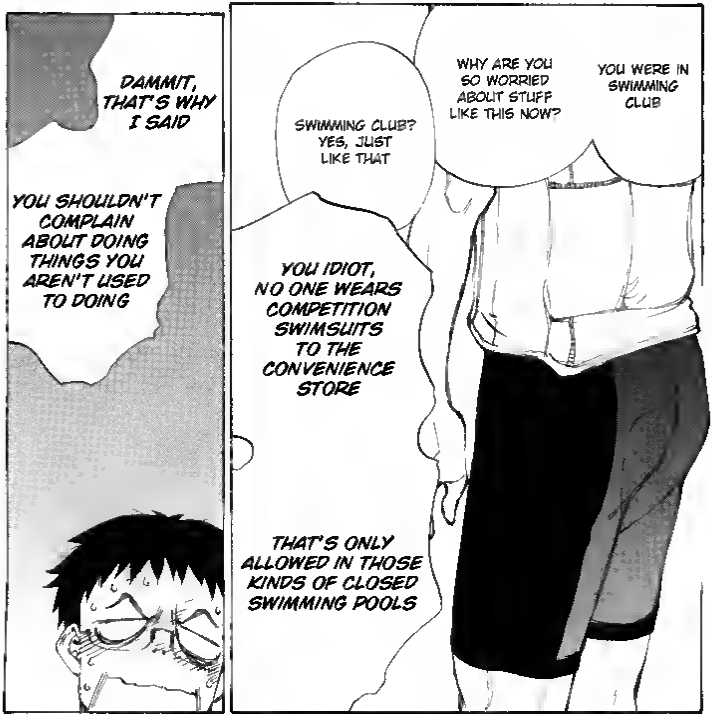

OH?

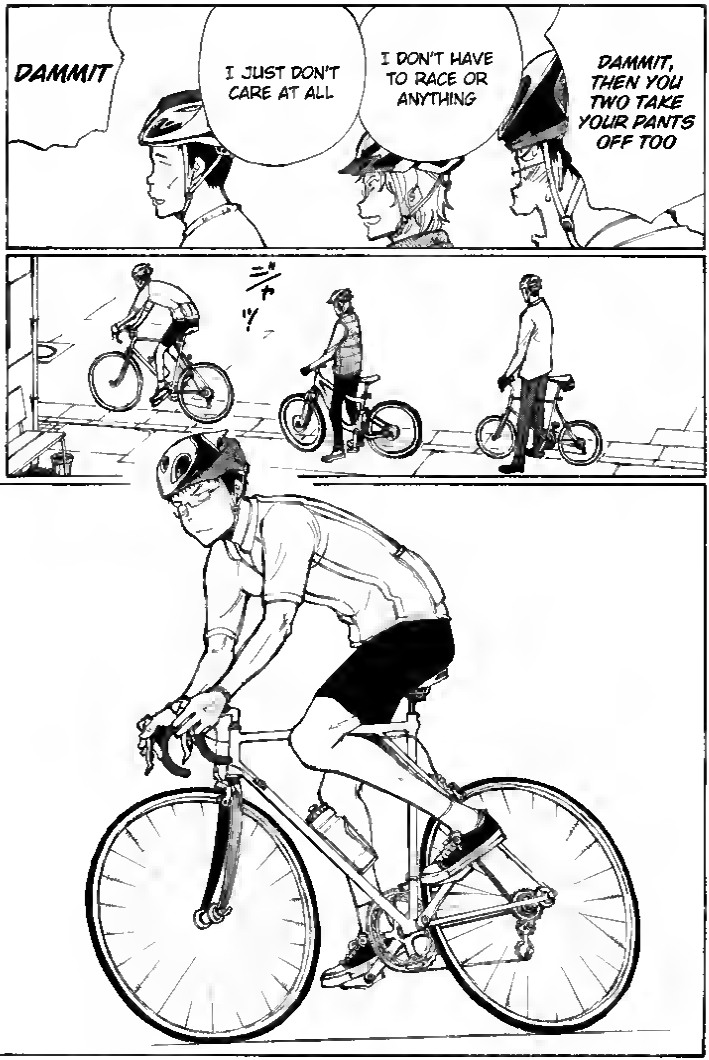
DON'T LOOK
BUT WELL, WHAT'S WITH THAT OUTFIT?
NO
TURNS OUT THAT YOU WERE HAVING FUN
WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU, SO WE CAME HERE
UWAH WHY ARE YOU GUYS HERE
OKAY, NOW THAT YOU HAVE YOUR SPORTSWEAR
HERE'S YOUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT TO HELP YOU GET FASTER
GO TO A CONVENIENCE STORE
AND BRING BACK ANYTHING, LIKE CANDY
HUH?
IN THOSE SHORTS


NO... BECAUSE
IF YOU DON'T GET OVER IT, YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO RIDE OUTSIDE
NO, NO WAY!


DAMMIT, THAT'S WHY I SAID
YOU SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN ABOUT DOING THINGS YOU AREN'T USED TO DOING
SWIMMING CLUB? YES, JUST LIKE THAT
WHY ARE YOU SO WORRIED ABOUT STUFF LIKE THIS NOW?
YOU WERE IN SWIMMING CLUB
YOU IDIOT, NO ONE WEARS COMPETITION SWIMSUITS TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE
THAT'S ONLY ALLOWED IN THOSE KINDS OF CLOSED SWIMMING POOLS

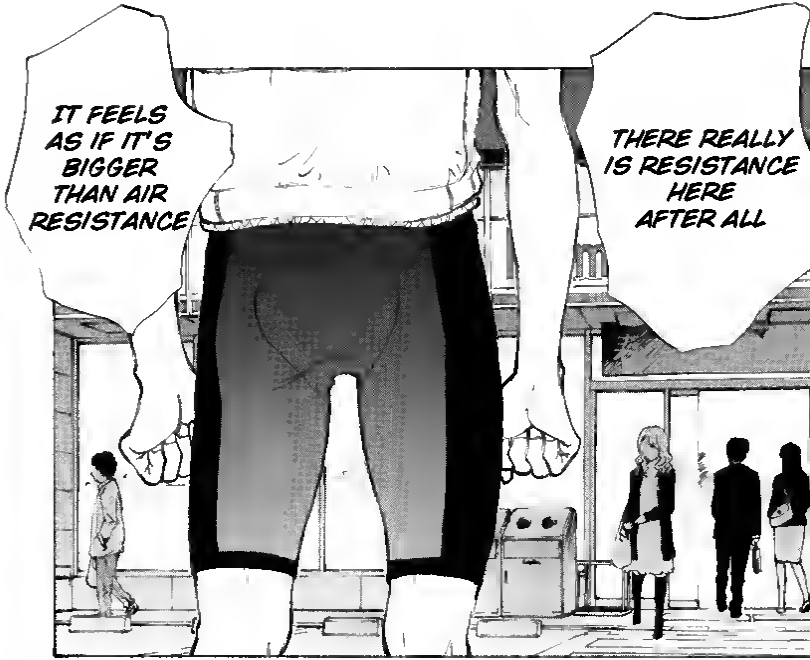
THEN, LET'S GO TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE
BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO STOP THINKING LIKE THAT
I'M SORRY
WE'VE BOUGHT
HELMETS TOO
LET'S GO
WHAT ARE YOU COMPLAINING ABOUT THIS TIME?
UMM, WELL, I DIDN'T BUY MINE...
THEY'RE COOL, RIGHT?

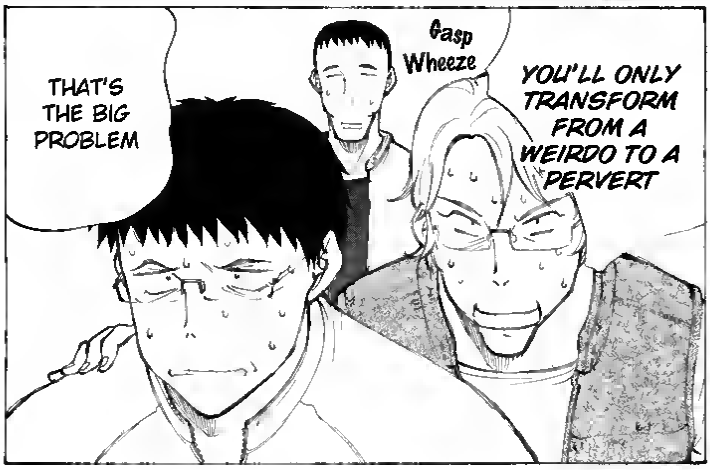
YOU'LL STAY AT THE SHOP
THEN, I'LL COME TOO
RECENTLY, RUNNING SHORTS HAVE BEGUN TO LOOK LIKE SPATS
SO THESE AREN'T SO STRANGE ANYMORE
YOU'RE TOO PARANOID
OR PERHAPS, THEY'RE LAUGHING AT US
DAMMIT, I FEEL LIKE EVERYONE IS STARING AT US


DAMMIT
I JUST DON'T CARE AT ALL
I DON'T HAVE TO RACE OR ANYTHING
DAMMIT, THEN YOU TWO TAKE YOUR PANTS OFF TOO

THESE CLOTHES DON'T FEEL THAT WAY
OR IS IT BECAUSE NORMAL CLOTHES MAKES IT HARD TO PEDAL?
IT'S EASY TO PEDAL IN THESE
BUT CERTAINLY
I WAS RESISTANT TO THE IDEA OF STRIPPING EVERYTHING OFF AND PUTTING THESE ON
BUT NOW I KNOW THAT I CAN'T GO BACK ONCE I'VE TRIED THESE
WHAT IS THIS FEELING?
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I'M PRODUCING LESS AIR RESISTANCE?
IT DOESN'T RUSTLE OR CRINKLE EASILY
IT FEELS GOOD TO WEAR THESE FOR SOME REASON
AND THIS JERSEY...
AND IT LIKE IT ISN'T THERE

OH
HEY
IT FELT GOOD
Gasp
Wheeze
Gasp
YOU, DON'T JUST RUN OFF BY YOUR-SELF LIKE THAT
NO MATTER WHAT YOU TELL ME


IT FEELS AS IF IT'S BIGGER THAN AIR RESISTANCE
THERE REALLY IS RESISTANCE HERE AFTER ALL


THAT'S THE BIG PROBLEM
Gasp Wheeze
YOU'LL ONLY TRANSFORM FROM A WEIRDO TO A PERVERT

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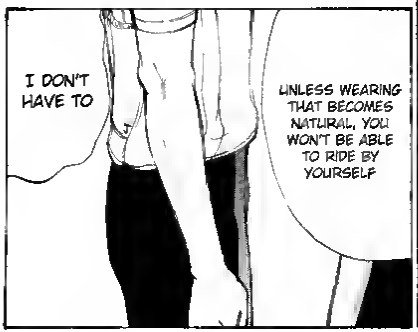
YOU PASS


I DON'T HAVE TO
UNLESS WEARING THAT BECOMES NATURAL, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO RIDE BY YOURSELF

ARE YOU SERIOUS?
NEXT, GO EAT AT A FAMILY RESTAURANT BY YOURSELF IN THAT

SO THERE'S MORE TO CHOOSING BIKES THAN APPEARANCE AFTER ALL, HUH
DAMN THIS MEDIOCRE BIKE
HUH?
MAYBE I SHOULD BUY A ROAD BIKE TOO
Wheeze
gasp
150 THOU-SAND!?
150 THOUSAND YEN
HOW MUCH WAS THAT?
THAT'S COMFORTABLE AND FUN ENOUGH FOR MOVING THROUGHOUT A CITY
GENERALLY SPEAKING, A GOOD BIKE FOR MOST PEOPLE WOULD BE AROUND SO THOUSAND YEN, NOT 150 THOUSAND YEN
HIGASHI SAID THAT HIS BIKE WAS SO THOUSAND TOO
MINE WAS SO THOU-SAND YEN
HOW ABOUT YOU, KUMA?

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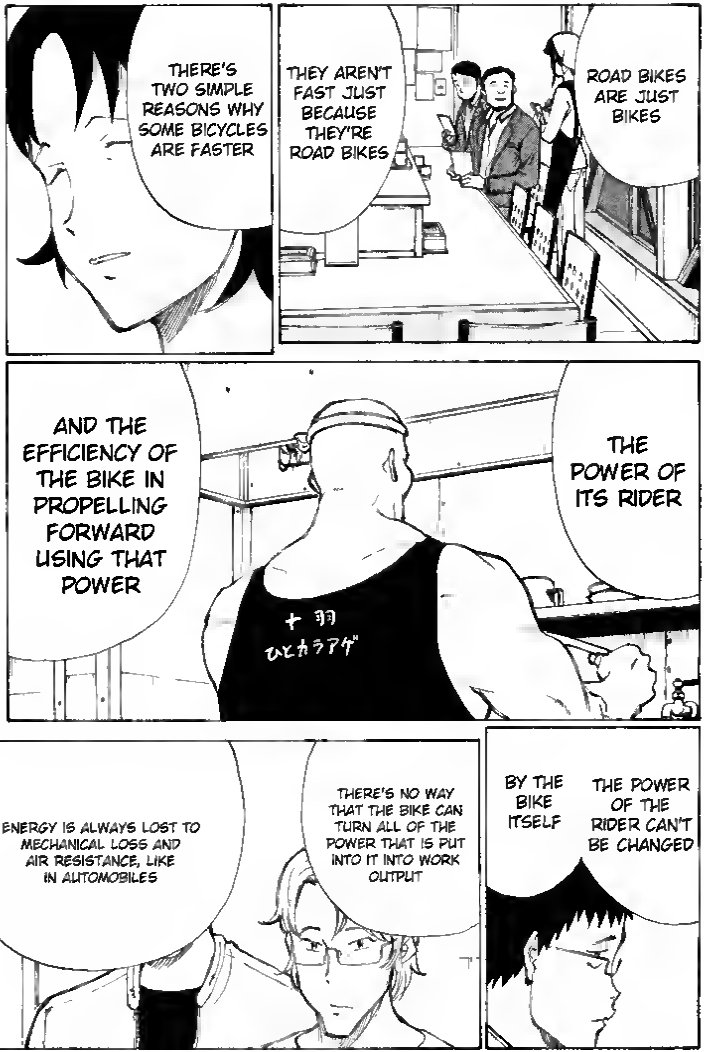
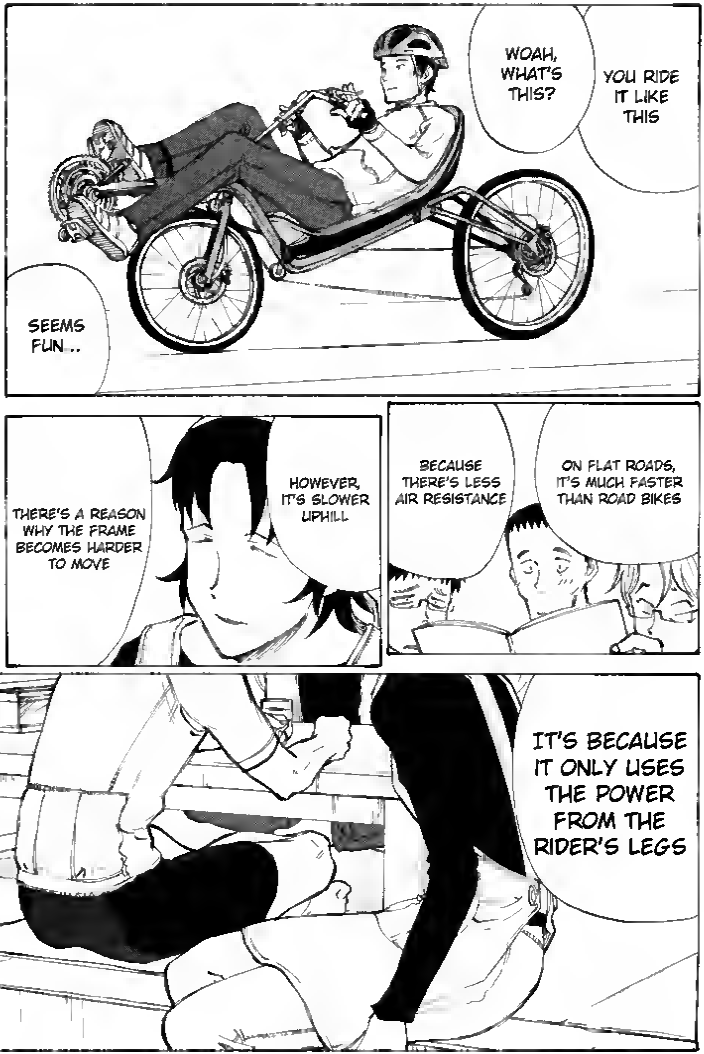
SACRIFICING COMFORT FOR SPEED
IS WHAT ROAD BIKES ARE ALL ABOUT
THEN IT WILL FEEL SLOWER THAN MOLASSES
BUT IF YOU WANT TO GO FASTER ON YOUR BIKE,
THE OUTPUT SPEEDS
STRICTLY SPEAKING,
ARE ROAD BIKES THAT MUCH FASTER THAN OTHER BIKES?
DON'T DIFFER AT ALL
BETWEEN ROAD BIKES AND OTHER BIKES

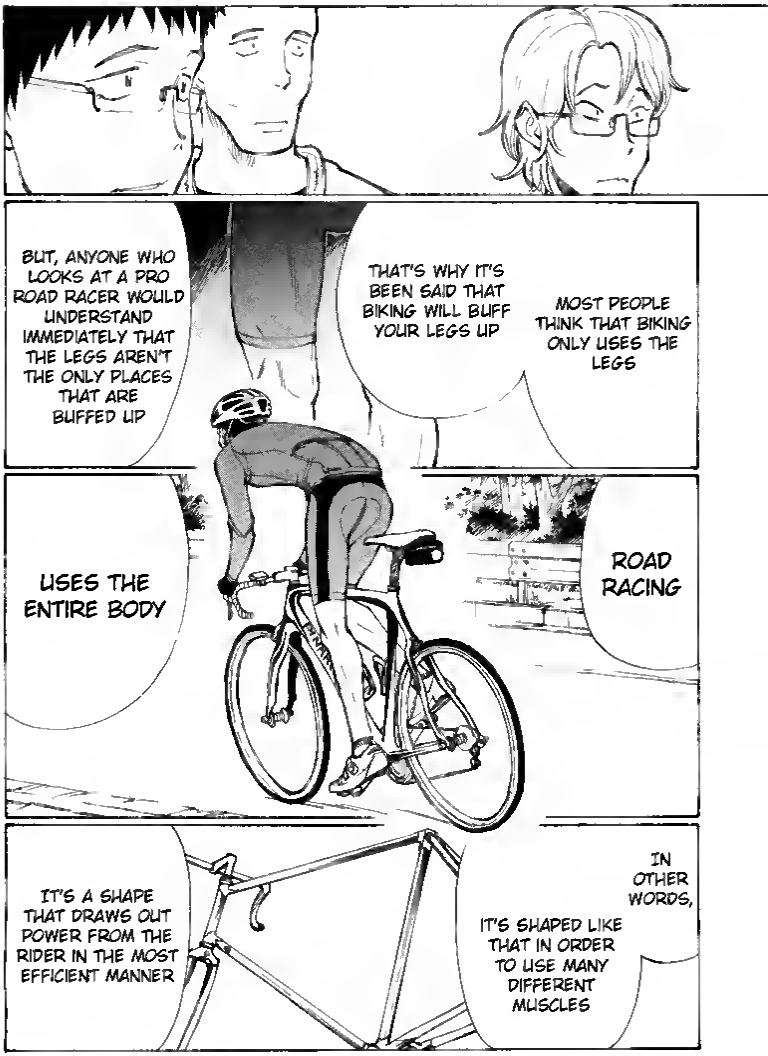

THERE'S TWO SIMPLE REASONS WHY SOME BICYCLES ARE FASTER
THEY AREN'T FAST JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE ROAD BIKES
ROAD BIKES ARE JUST BIKES
AND THE EFFICIENCY OF THE BIKE IN PROPELLING FORWARD USING THAT POWER
THE POWER OF ITS RIDER
十羽
ひとカラアゲ
ENERGY IS ALWAYS LOST TO MECHANICAL LOSS AND AIR RESISTANCE, LIKE IN AUTOMOBILES
THERE'S NO WAY THAT THE BIKE CAN TURN ALL OF THE POWER THAT IS PUT INTO IT INTO WORK OUTPUT
BY THE BIKE ITSELF
THE POWER OF THE RIDER CAN'T BE CHANGED

MOST ROAD BIKES USE HIGHER-END PARTS THAT DON'T RESULT IN AS MUCH MECHANICAL LOSS
AH
LET'S TALK ABOUT MECHANICAL LOSS FIRST
EVERYONE WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY FOR IT
THE REASON IS
NO MATTER HOW EXPENSIVE THE ROAD BIKE IS
IT WOULD BE AS FAST AS A ROAD BIKE
THAT'S WHY, IF A HYBRID OR LADIES' BIKE WAS MADE WITH THE SAME PRICE AS A ROAD BIKE,
HIGH-END PARTS ARE NATURALLY MORE EXPENSIVE
THAT SOUNDS BACKWARDS, BUT IT'S TRUE

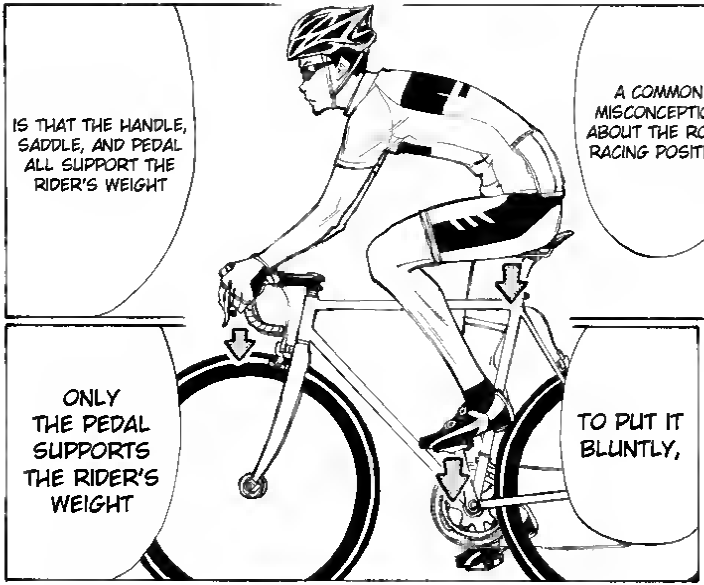
WELL, THE PHRASE "ROAD BIKE" HAS BECOME A MAGIC WORD THAT MAKES PEOPLE THINK THAT THE HIGH PRICE CAN'T GET ANY LOWER
THAT'S WHY, HYBRID AND LADIES' BICYCLES ARE MADE WITH THE PARTS THAT CORRESPOND WITH THE PRICE THAT THE CUSTOMERS WANT
BUT, NO ONE NEVER BUY SOMETHING LIKE THAT, RIGHT?
BUT, ACTUALLY, ROAD BIKES THESE DAYS ARE TOO EXPENSIVE
A ROAD BIKE IS CONSIDERED INCREDIBLY CHEAP IF 10 THOUSAND UNITS ARE SOLD EACH MONTH, LIKE A COMPACT CAR
EVEN THOUGH IT'S A VEHICLE FOR HOBBYISTS,

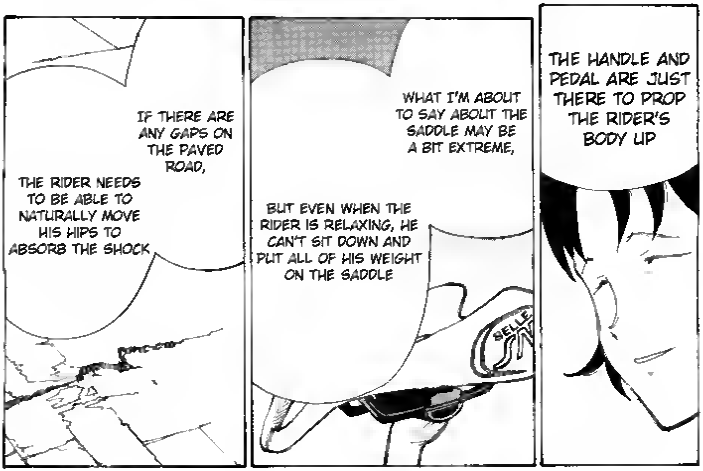
BECAUSE OF THAT,
ROAD BIKES ARE NOT DIFFERENT FROM OTHER BIKES
THAT
BEING SAID
WHAT MAKES A ROAD BIKE A ROAD BIKE
IS THAT POSITION
POSI-TION?
THE POSTURE THAT ONE USES TO RIDE IT
FOR EXAMPLE, THERE'S A KIND OF BICYCLE CALLED THE RECUMBENT BICYCLE


WOAH, WHAT'S THIS?
YOU RIDE IT LIKE THIS
SEEMS FUN...
THERE'S A REASON WHY THE FRAME BECOMES HARDER TO MOVE
HOWEVER, IT'S SLOWER UPHILL
BECAUSE THERE'S LESS AIR RESISTANCE
ON FLAT ROADS, IT'S MUCH FASTER THAN ROAD BIKES
IT'S BECAUSE IT ONLY USES THE POWER FROM THE RIDER'S LEGS

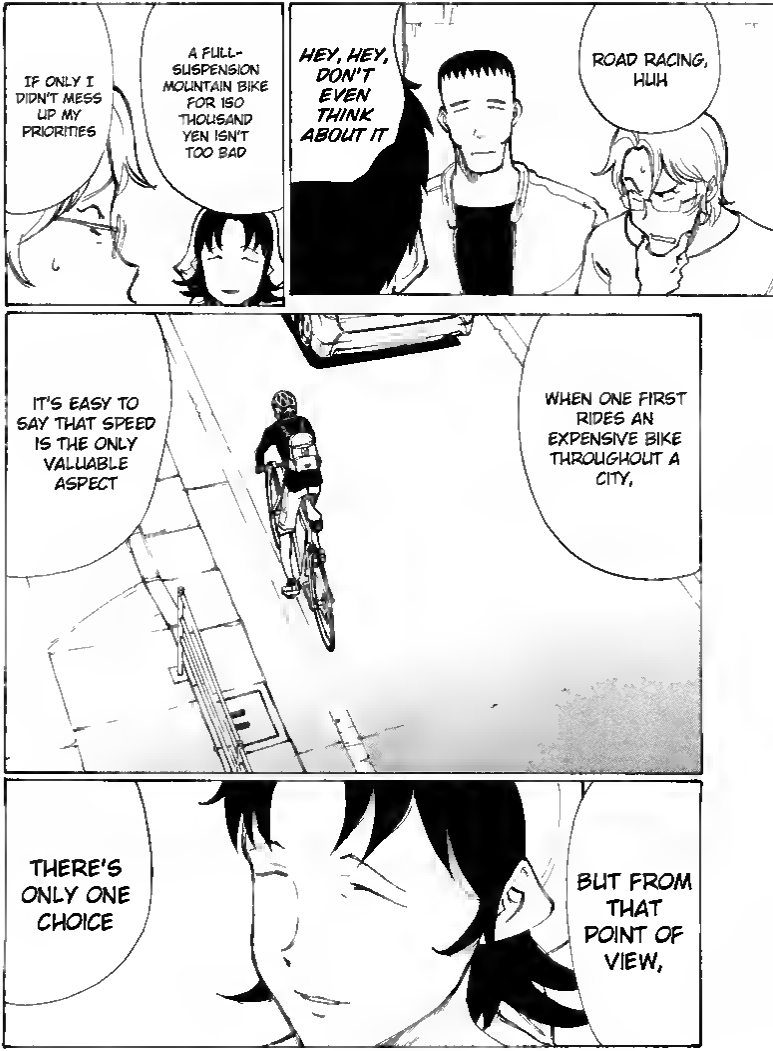

BUT, ANYONE WHO LOOKS AT A PRO ROAD RACER WOULD UNDERSTAND IMMEDIATELY THAT THE LEGS AREN'T THE ONLY PLACES THAT ARE BUFFED UP
THAT'S WHY IT'S BEEN SAID THAT BIKING WILL BUFF YOUR LEGS UP
MOST PEOPLE THINK THAT BIKING ONLY USES THE LEGS
USES THE ENTIRE BODY
ROAD RACING
IT'S A SHAPE THAT DRAWS OUT POWER FROM THE RIDER IN THE MOST EFFICIENT MANNER
IT'S SHAPED LIKE THAT IN ORDER TO USE MANY DIFFERENT MUSCLES
IN OTHER WORDS,

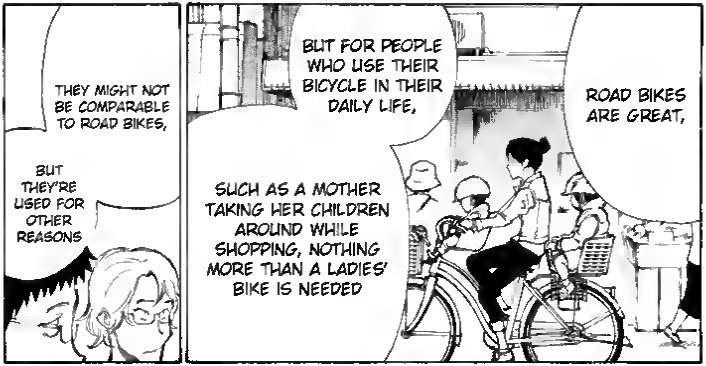
IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM ROAD RACING
THEY'RE OFTEN MISTAKEN FOR THE OTHER, BUT THERE'S ALSO SOMETHING CALLED "KEIRIN"
5
THAT'S WHY FASTER CYCLISTS ALSO HAVE WELL-DEVELOPED UPPER BODIES
IT'S ESPECIALLY EFFECTIVE ON UPHILL ROADS
IT'S LIKE THE 100-METER DASH VS. THE MARATHON IN RUNNING RACES
THE BIKES USED ARE SHAPED ALIKE, BUT THE MATERIAL USED ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
JUST PICTURE IT LIKE THAT
THE PHYSIQUES OF A 100-METER DASH RUNNER AND A MARATHON RUNNER ARE DIFFERENT, RIGHT?


IS THAT THE HANDLE, SADDLE, AND PEDAL ALL SUPPORT THE RIDER'S WEIGHT
A COMMON MISCONCEPTION ABOUT THE ROAD RACING POSITION
ONLY THE PEDAL SUPPORTS THE RIDER'S WEIGHT
TO PUT IT BLUNTLY,

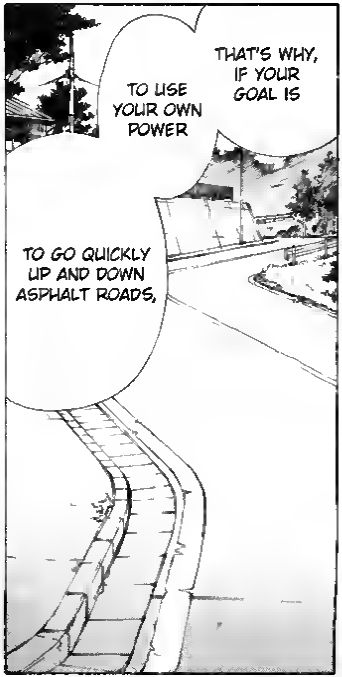

IF THERE ARE ANY GAPS ON THE PAVED ROAD,
THE RIDER NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO NATURALLY MOVE HIS HIPS TO ABSORB THE SHOCK
WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY ABOUT THE SADDLE MAY BE A BIT EXTREME,
BUT EVEN WHEN THE RIDER IS RELAXING, HE CAN'T SIT DOWN AND PUT ALL OF HIS WEIGHT ON THE SADDLE
THE HANDLE AND PEDAL ARE JUST THERE TO PROP THE RIDER'S BODY UP

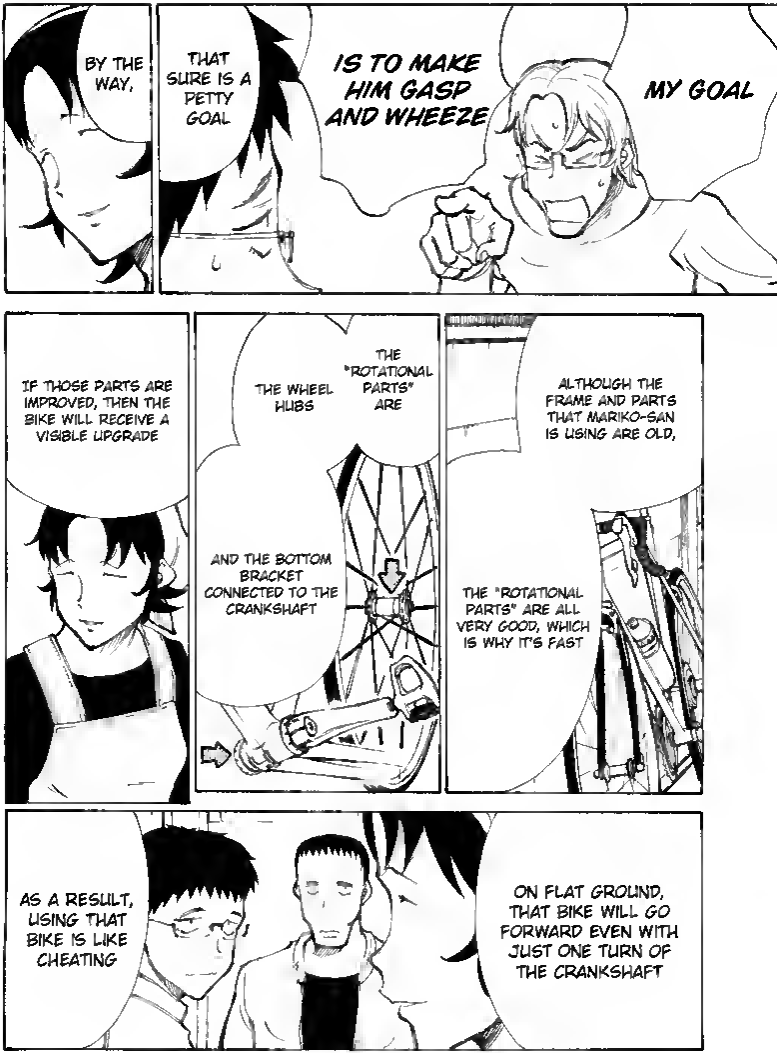
IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOT PUT YOUR WEIGHT ON THE HANDLE
DON'T FEEL PAIN IN THEIR CROTCHES AS MUCH
THAT'S WHY, PEOPLE WHO HAVE GOTTEN USED TO ROAD RACING
THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY SOME BEGINNERS TO ROAD RACING SAY THAT IT'S DANGEROUS AND SCARY
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF YOU DO PUT YOUR WEIGHT ON THE HANDLES, THE BIKE WILL BE UNSTEADY
WHEN YOU FIRST START RIDING, YOUR WRISTS WILL HURT BECAUSE YOU'RE PUTTING YOUR BODY WEIGHT ON IT,
BUT AS THE MUSCLES AROUND YOUR HIP GROWS, YOU START TO ONLY USE YOUR ARMS TO PROP YOURSELF UP

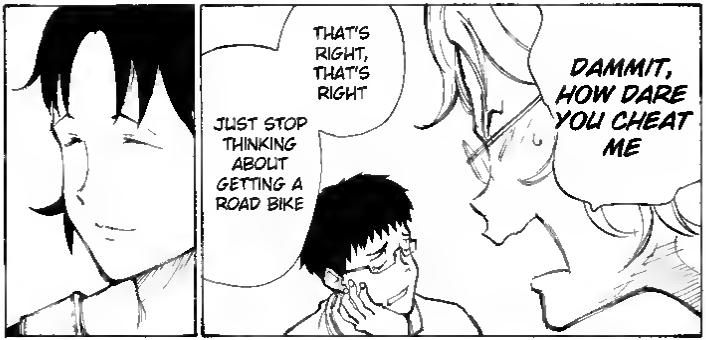

IF ONLY I DIDN'T MESS UP MY PRIORITIES
A FULL-SUSPENSION MOUNTAIN BIKE FOR 150 THOUSAND YEN ISN'T TOO BAD
HEY, HEY, DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT
ROAD RACING, HUH
IT'S EASY TO SAY THAT SPEED IS THE ONLY VALUABLE ASPECT
WHEN ONE FIRST RIDES AN EXPENSIVE BIKE THROUGHOUT A CITY,
THERE'S ONLY ONE CHOICE
BUT FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW,

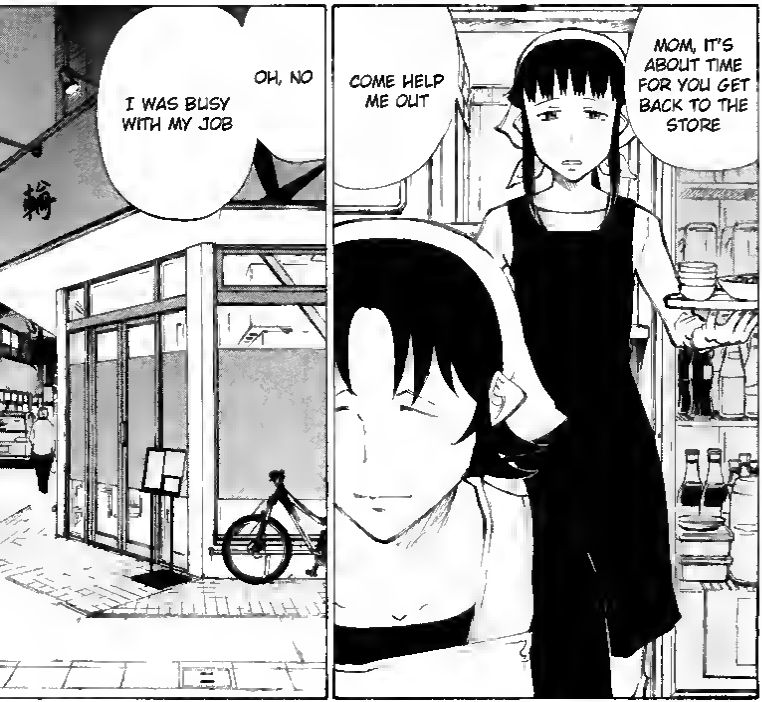

THEY MIGHT NOT BE COMPARABLE TO ROAD BIKES,
BUT THEY'RE USED FOR OTHER REASONS
BUT FOR PEOPLE WHO USE THEIR BICYCLE IN THEIR DAILY LIFE,
SUCH AS A MOTHER TAKING HER CHILDREN AROUND WHILE SHOPPING, NOTHING MORE THAN A LADIES' BIKE IS NEEDED
ROAD BIKES ARE GREAT,

ARE THE BEST CHOICE
THEN ROAD BICYCLES


THAT'S WHY, IF YOUR GOAL IS
TO USE YOUR OWN POWER
TO GO QUICKLY UP AND DOWN ASPHALT ROADS,


BY THE WAY,
THAT SURE IS A PETTY GOAL
IS TO MAKE HIM GASP AND WHEEZE
MY GOAL
IF THOSE PARTS ARE IMPROVED, THEN THE BIKE WILL RECEIVE A VISIBLE UPGRADE
THE WHEEL HUBS
THE "ROTATIONAL PARTS" ARE
AND THE BOTTOM BRACKET CONNECTED TO THE CRANKSHAFT
ALTHOUGH THE FRAME AND PARTS THAT MARIKO-SAN IS USING ARE OLD,
THE "ROTATIONAL PARTS" ARE ALL VERY GOOD, WHICH IS WHY IT'S FAST
AS A RESULT, USING THAT BIKE IS LIKE CHEATING
ON FLAT GROUND, THAT BIKE WILL GO FORWARD EVEN WITH JUST ONE TURN OF THE CRANKSHAFT


DAMMIT, HOW DARE YOU CHEAT ME
THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT
JUST STOP THINKING ABOUT GETTING A ROAD BIKE


MOM, IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR YOU GET BACK TO THE STORE
COME HELP ME OUT
OH, NO
I WAS BUSY WITH MY JOB

I'M HOME---
DON'T LOOK, DAMMIT
WHA?
I RODE THIS BIKE TODAY,
BUT COUNTING THE PART THIS MORNING THAT I DIDN'T RECORD, I RODE ABOUT 30 KILOMETERS... OR SO?
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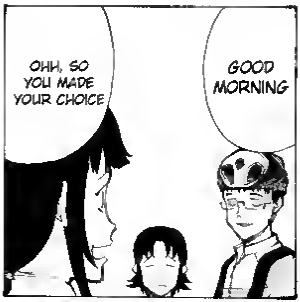
UM, WELL, I DON'T THINK THAT IT LOOKS BAD
IT'S JUST FLAMBOYANT
I JUST NEED TO GO CHANGE NOW

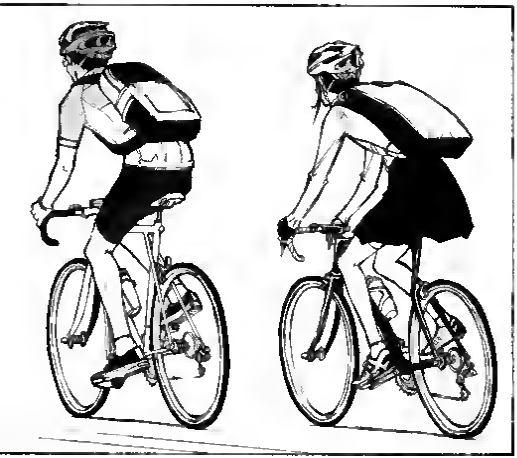
I ATE -- OR WAS FORCED TO EAT -- AT THAT RAMEN SHOP
DID YOU EAT YET? I'LL GO MAKE SOMETHING
IS 30 KILOMETERS ON A BICYCLE REALLY ALL THAT IMPRESSIVE?
I'M PRETTY WORN OUT
I HAVE TO GET UP EARLY TOMORROW AS WELL
TIME TO TAKE A BATH AND GO TO SLEEP
THIS WILL HAPPEN MAY MORE TIMES THIS WEEK, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
DON'T JOKE AROUND WITH ME
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN

GOOD MORNING
GOOD MORNING
OH MY
YOU'RE WEARING THAT
THAT'S BECAUSE I HAVE TO WIN

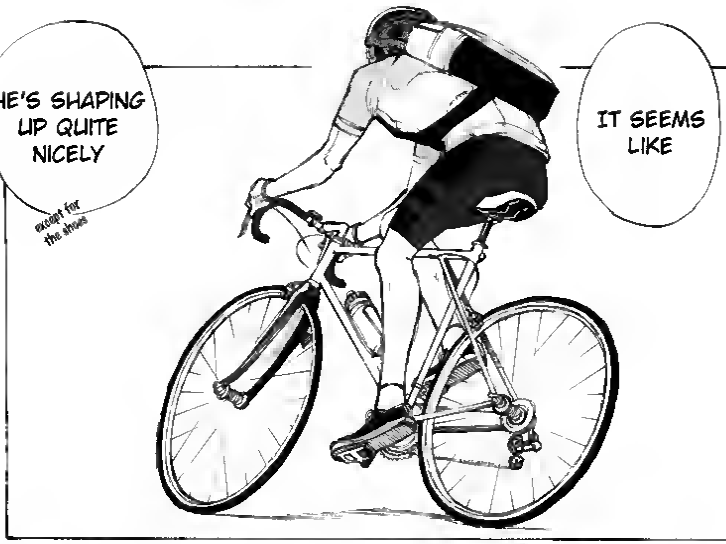
THE SCHOOL SAID THAT I HAVE TO WEAR THIS WHEN I COMMUTE
I CAN'T WEAR THAT RIGHT NOW

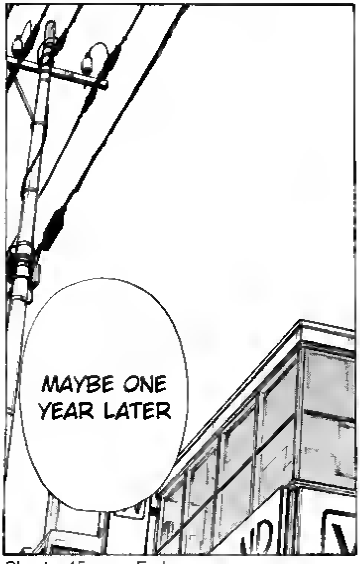

OHH, SO YOU MADE YOUR CHOICE
GOOD MORNING

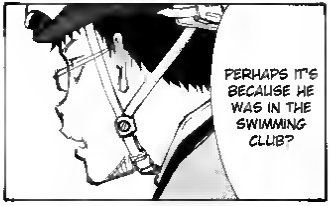
I'M SO JEALOUS---



IF YOU'RE STILL TIRED FROM YESTERDAY, THEN DON'T FORCE YOURSELF


HE'S SHAPING UP QUITE NICELY
except for the shoes
IT SEEMS LIKE


MAYBE ONE YEAR LATER


PERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE HE WAS IN THE SWIMMING CLUB?

TO THESE LAST THREE DAYS
BUT, OF COURSE, IT'LL ALL BE UP

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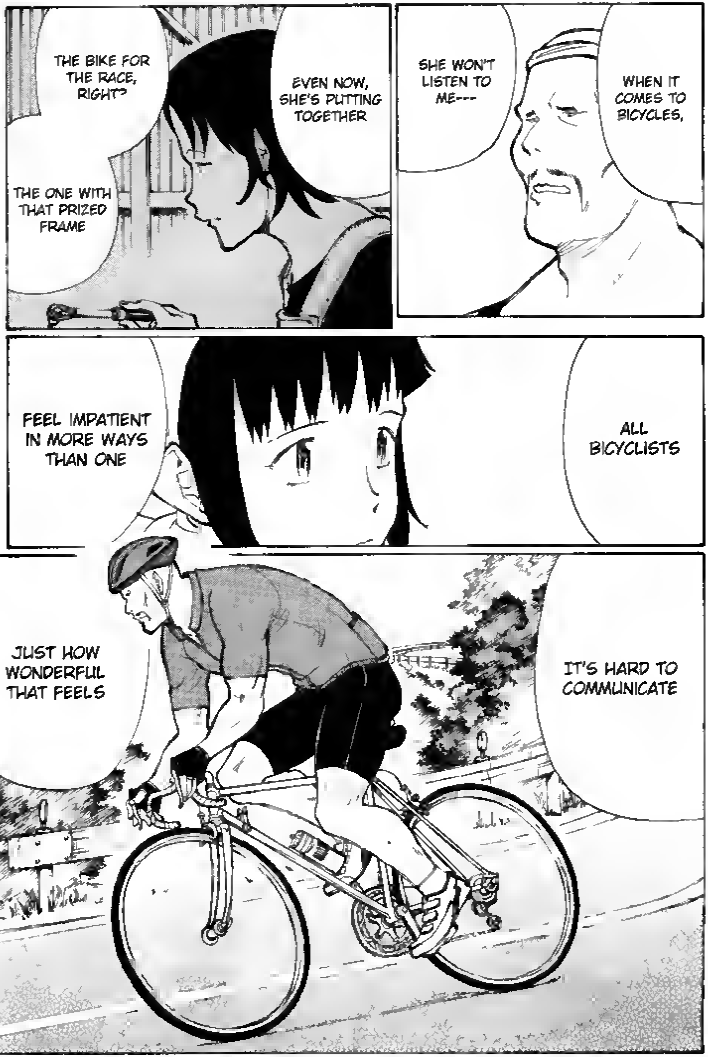
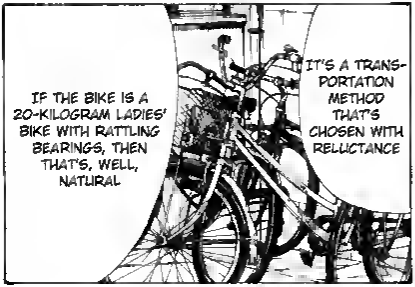
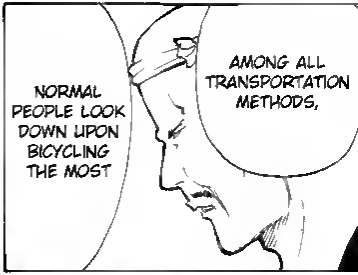
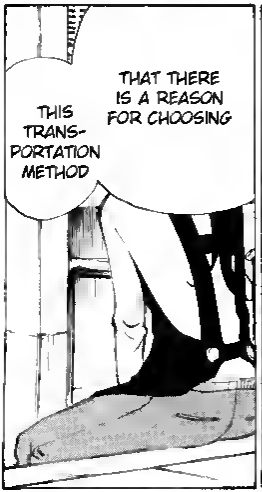
GO TALK TO MOM
DAD
I'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO LET HER DO WHAT SHE WANTS
YOU'RE TOO SOFT ON MOM, DAD---
THAT'S NOT HOW A RAMEN SHOP OWNER IS SUPPOSED TO ACT, DAD
SHE'S TOYING TOO MUCH WITH MARIKO-SAN
HMM--?
EVEN IF I TALK TO HER, SHE WOULDN'T LISTEN TO ME
HMMM


THE BIKE FOR THE RACE, RIGHT?
EVEN NOW, SHE'S PUTTING TOGETHER
THE ONE WITH THAT PRIZED FRAME
SHE WON'T LISTEN TO ME---
WHEN IT COMES TO BICYCLES,
FEEL IMPATIENT IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE
ALL BICYCLISTS
JUST HOW WONDERFUL THAT FEELS
IT'S HARD TO COMMUNICATE


IF THE BIKE IS A 20-KILOGRAM LADIES' BIKE WITH RATTLING BEARINGS, THEN THAT'S, WELL, NATURAL
IT'S A TRANS-PORTATION METHOD THAT'S CHOSEN WITH RELUCTANCE

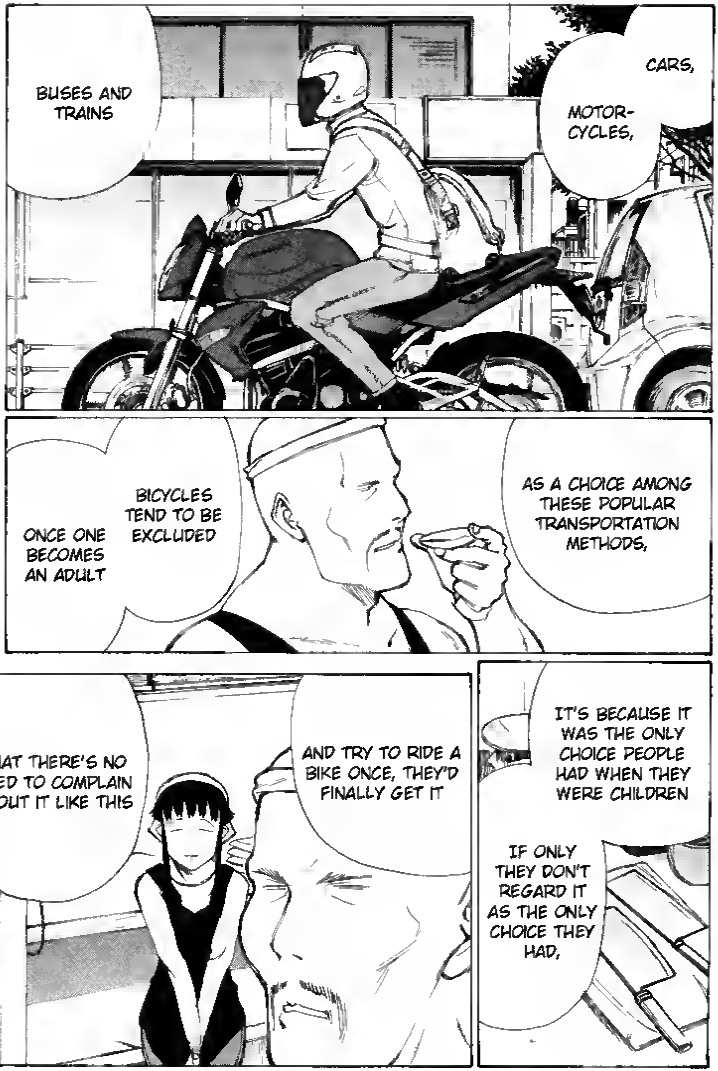

NORMAL PEOPLE LOOK DOWN UPON BICYCLING THE MOST
AMONG ALL TRANSPORTATION METHODS,

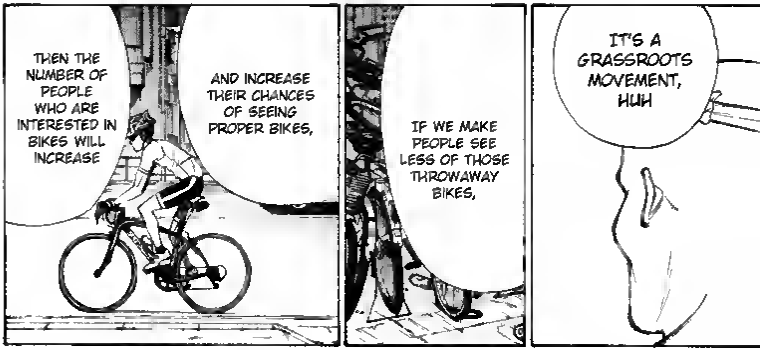
THEY ONLY REMEMBER THAT FEELING
TO MOST PEOPLE, BIKES ARE VEHICLES THAT THEY RODE AS A CHILD,
IS HARD TO CONVEY
INSTEAD OF OTHER HOBBIES THAT ARE NOT RELATED TO DAILY LIFE,
THE FUN OF HAVING A HOBBY THAT IS EASILY TIED TO ONE'S DAILY LIFE

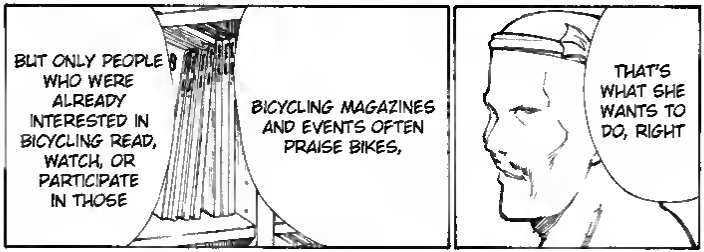

THIS TRANS-PORTATION METHOD
THAT THERE IS A REASON FOR CHOOSING

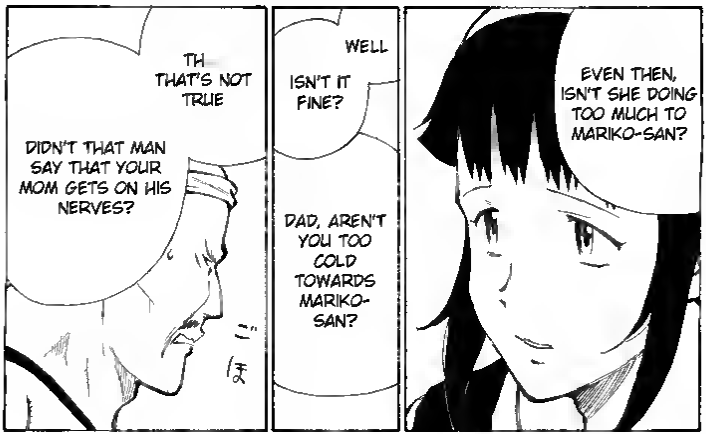
THEY WOULD KNOW
BUT, IF THEY ACTUALLY TRY RIDING A GOOD BIKE

THAT'S WHY,
THEY JUDGE WHAT BIKING IS LIKE WITHOUT ACUTALLY BICYCLING FOR REAL


BUSES AND TRAINS
CARS, MOTOR-CYCLES,
ONCE ONE BECOMES AN ADULT
BICYCLES TEND TO BE EXCLUDED
AS A CHOICE AMONG THESE POPULAR TRANSPORTATION METHODS,
THAT THERE'S NO NEED TO COMPLAIN ABOUT IT LIKE THIS
AND TRY TO RIDE A BIKE ONCE, THEY'D FINALLY GET IT
IT'S BECAUSE IT WAS THE ONLY CHOICE PEOPLE HAD WHEN THEY WERE CHILDREN
IF ONLY THEY DON'T REGARD IT AS THE ONLY CHOICE THEY HAD,

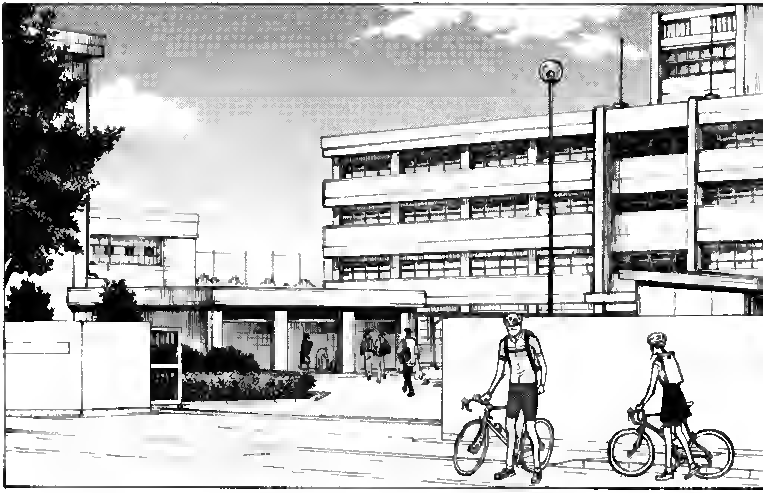

THEN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BIKES WILL INCREASE
AND INCREASE THEIR CHANCES OF SEEING PROPER BIKES,
IF WE MAKE PEOPLE SEE LESS OF THOSE THROWAWAY BIKES,
IT'S A GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT, HUH


BUT ONLY PEOPLE WHO WERE ALREADY INTERESTED IN BICYCLING READ, WATCH, OR PARTICIPATE IN THOSE
BICYCLING MAGAZINES AND EVENTS OFTEN PRAISE BIKES,
THAT'S WHAT SHE WANTS TO DO, RIGHT

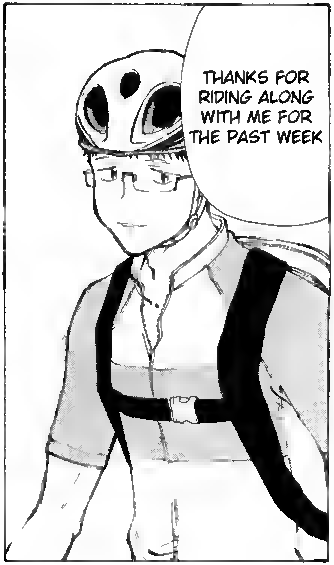

TH THAT'S NOT TRUE
DIDN'T THAT MAN SAY THAT YOUR MOM GETS ON HIS NERVES?
WELL
ISN'T IT FINE?
DAD, AREN'T YOU TOO COLD TOWARDS MARIKO-SAN?
EVEN THEN, ISN'T SHE DOING TOO MUCH TO MARIKO-SAN?

THERE'S ALWAYS SOME POOR GUY WHO GETS TOYED BY YOUR MOTHER'S BULLYING SPIRIT
MOM
SAID THAT MARIKO-SAN IS A LOT LIKE YOU
DAD
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MADE ANGRY BY MOM?
TH... THEN I WOULDN'T HAVE MARRIED HER, RIGHT?
THAT'S THE WORST TRICK ONE CAN PLAY...

I THINK MARIKO-SAN IS GETTING PRETTY FAST
MOM
THEN HE MUST BE FAST, RIGHT?
WELL, IF YOU SAY THAT HE'S FAST,
HE KEPT GOING EVEN WHEN I THOUGHT THAT HE WAS TIRED OUT
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
TODAY, WE ARRIVED IN LESS THAN 30 MINUTES
I WOULD RUN OUT OF THINGS TO DO IF THAT WAS THE CASE
WELL, YOU CAN'T GET FASTER THAT EASILY
NO, I STILL DON'T THINK THAT'S POSSIBLE
DON'T TELL ME YOU THINK THAT HE CAN WIN?
MAYBE HE CAN PUSH HIS LIMITS BECAUSE HE'S IN HIGH SPIRITS?



SINCE I'M ALWAYS RIDING ALONE
I HAD FUN TOO


THANKS FOR RIDING ALONG WITH ME FOR THE PAST WEEK

ABOUT TOMORROW,
DO YOU THINK
THAT YOU CAN WIN?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE
IT'S ALL MY MOM'S FAULT
110 4"!

DID YOUR MOM FORCE YOU TO?
THEN WHY DO YOU BIKE?
I HAVE NO CLUE AT ALL
WHEN IT COMES TO CYCLING RACES,
DUH?
BECAUSE IT'S FUN

ISN'T THAT NATURAL?
SEE YA
OH, SHOOT, THE TIME
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WHO WAS THAT?
RIN
TH... THAT'S NOT TRUE!!
EHH---
HEY, RIN HAS A BOYFRIEND NOW!
HUUUH?
HE WORKS CLOSE TO HERE
JUST SOMEBODY I KNOW
IF YOU TAKE THAT JOKE TOO FAR, WE WON'T LET YOU USE THE LOCKER ROOM
Y...YOU MEAN BICYCLING?
RIN IS SEEING SOMEONE TOO, HUH
THAT BLOSSOMING WILL EVENTUALLY BE SUBLIMATED BY SPORTS
EVEN THE FINAL HOLD-OUT, RIN, HAS FINALLY BLOSSOMED

I WAS TOLD TO COME AN HOUR EARLY
YOU'RE GOING ALREADY?
DAMMIT
DON'T MAKE THIS A SHOW
PICK UP MINAMI FOR THIS SHOW
IT'S BECAUSE I HAVE TO
EH--- DON'T COME
I'LL BE GOING THERE LATER
THAT FIT'S MY PERSONALITY MORE
I'M FINE WITH WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES
IT'S RARE TO MY BROTHER AS THE MAIN ACTOR OF THE SHOW

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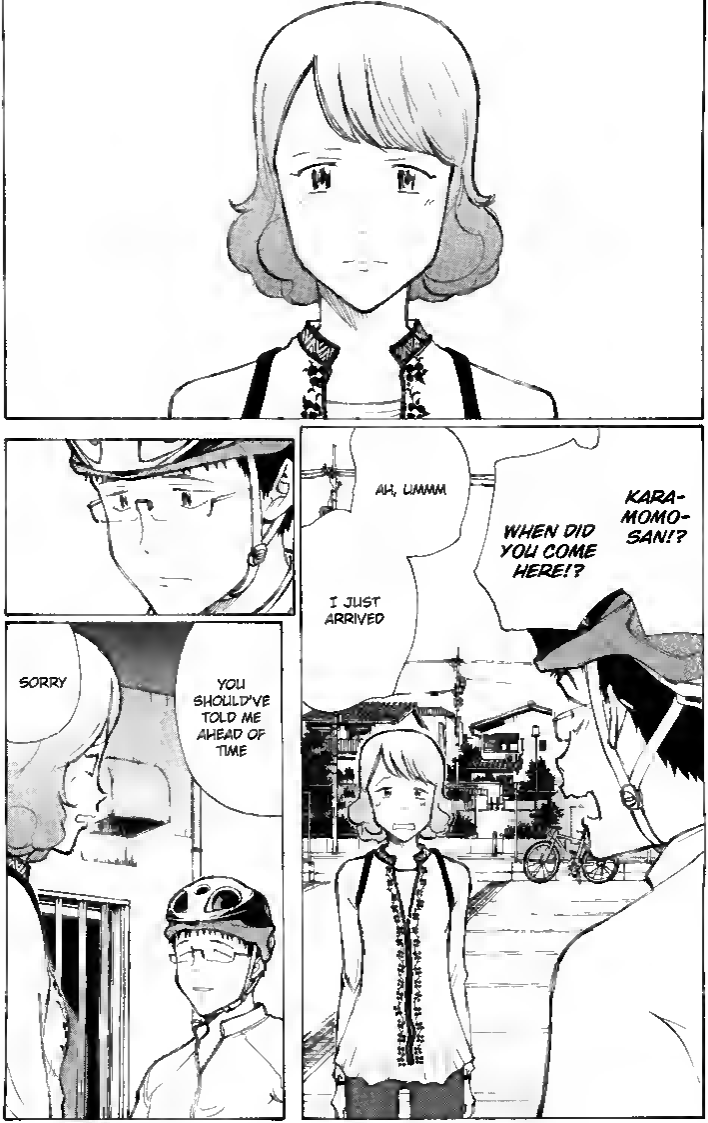
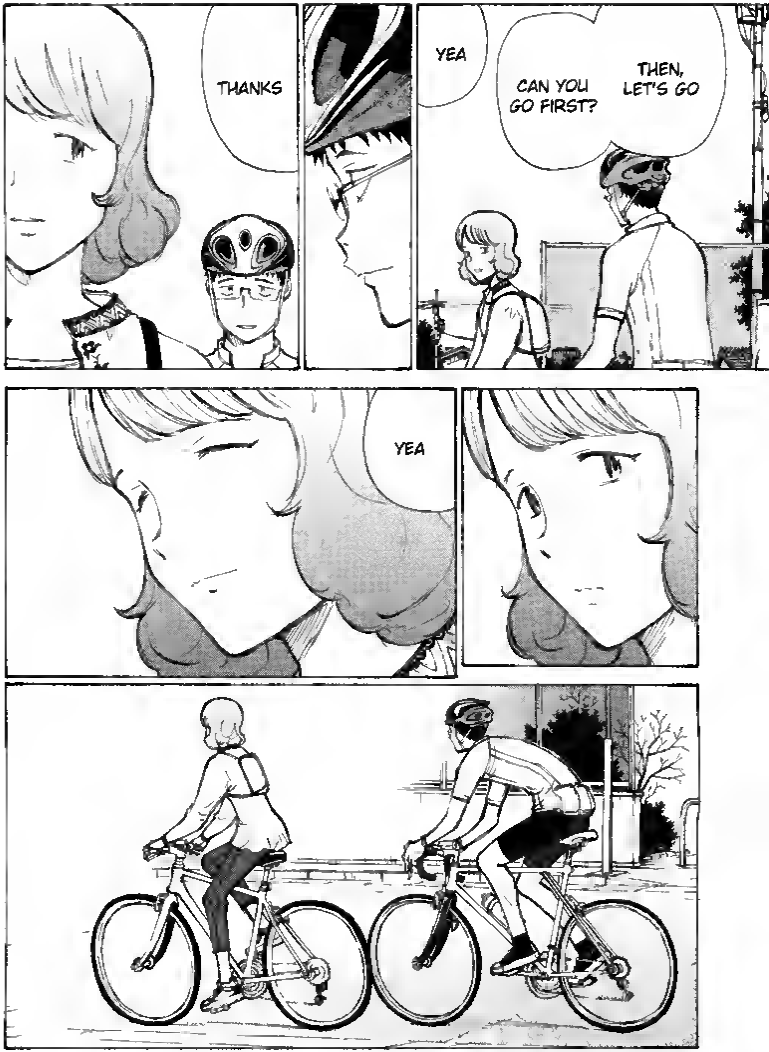
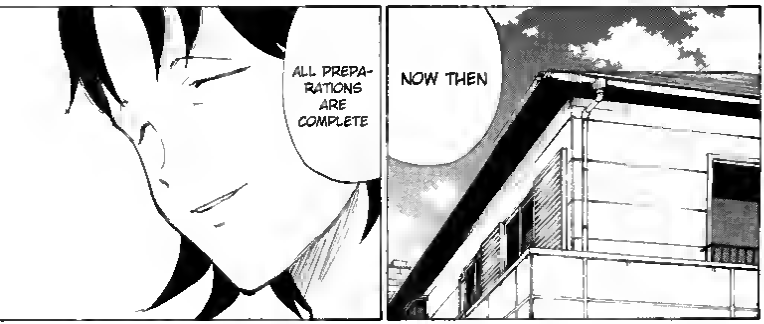
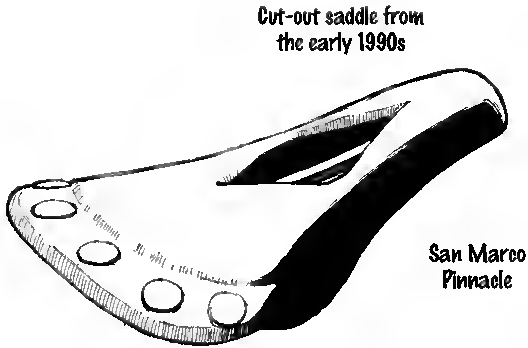

KARA-MOMO-SAN!?
WHEN DID YOU COME HERE!?
AH, UMMM
I JUST ARRIVED
YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME AHEAD OF TIME
SORRY

GO WIN
NO
I DON'T THINK I'LL WIN, BUT I'LL DO ALL THAT I CAN
DO YOU FEEL?
HOW
WELL...
I'LL TRY TO HANG ON
IT'S BECAUSE I'M SPORTS-ORIENTED, HUH
WELL... EVEN THEN


THANKS
YEA
CAN YOU GO FIRST?
THEN, LET'S GO
YEA


ALL PREPA-
RATIONS
ARE
COMPLETE
NOW THEN

THAT'S WHY
BUT THAT'S A CASTRATED MONSTER
TODOROKI-SAN'S BIKE MAY BE THE STRONGEST MACHINE OUT THERE RIGHT NOW
LOOKS GREAT
HOW DOES IT LOOK?
WITH AN UNCA-STRATED BEAST
MARIKO-SAN GO TO BATTLE
WE'LL HAVE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